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## Final farewell to Hong Kong

## Chinese promise to preserve laws and democracy

FROM DAVID WATTS AND JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

BRITAIN yielded Hong Kong, its most successful modern midnight and the hour of colony, to the Government of China last night in ceremonies should be five seconds before the universe the universe the universe the colors. which were by turns extraordinarily emotional and aus-

In the end, the handover from capitalist to communist state was catried through faultlessly - despite the bick-ering of the last few days and Britain got the assurances it sought. President Jiang Zemin committed his country to "unswervingly administer" the joint agreement between the two countries and to preserve Hong Kong's previ-ous social system and its laws fundamentally unchanged.

Most importantly, the Chinese leader committed his country to allow Hong Kong to develop its democratic system in a manner suitable to the Hong Kong reality. Those were the words the Hong Kong people and the British entatives had hoped to hear. Once uttered, the atmosphere visibly warmed as Mir Jiang went direc reassure his audience that Hong Kong's importance as an economic chat with Prince Charles. They centre would be maintained.

Earlier, the Prince of Wales, reading a message on behalf on notice that its commitments under the Joint Declaration must be met. He said: "Hong Kong has shown how East and West can learn to live and work together. It has brought us together and enriched all our lives." Britain had been privileged to be responsible for the people, especially since Hong, Kong, had been so complemently successful.

The most anxious moment in all the complexity of the arrangements for both sides

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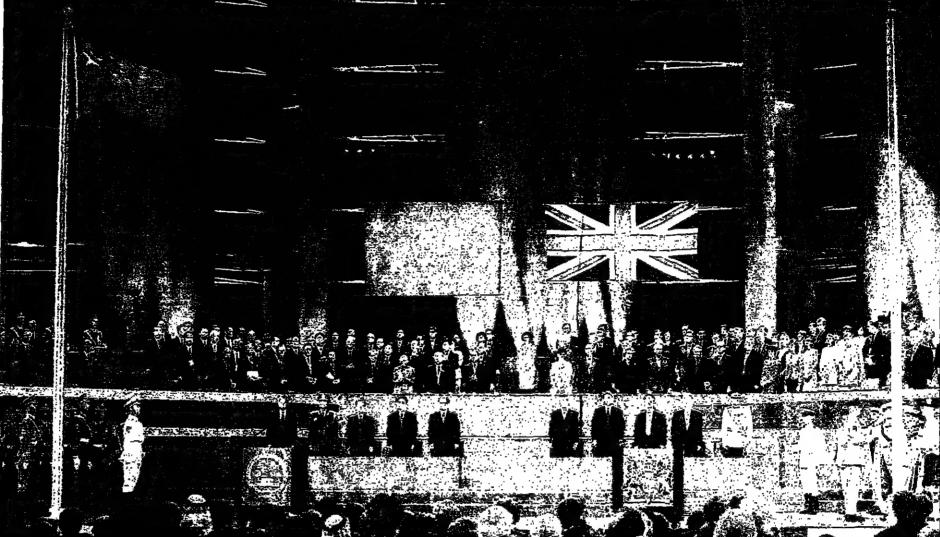
the wisching hour between the Life Guards ending their rendition of God Save the Queen and the raising of the flags of China and the new Special Administrative Region. Five seconds for the Chinese conductor to raise his baton for the national anthem. In the end, the Guards did him proud, ending 25 seconds ear-

The ceremony had started with the Chinese in wide eyed amazement at finding themselves on Hong Kong territory after 156 years of turbulent anti-imperial history and not a little airaid of the reception they might get it was brief and austere, as the Chinese had wished, with the formal lowering of the Union flag and the raising of the flags of the People's Republic of China and the new flag of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region but it ended with President lising using the English of which he is so proud to strolled away from the central dias apparently perfectly at

party moved off swiftly to the waterfront and Britannia, where the now former governor and Mrs Patten said goodbye to a mass of friends waiting to see them off. Soon Britannia was gone and heading for Manila at the close of an extraordinary era in British

The day had begun with the first of a series of formal ceremonies: a moving moment as the governor and his family left Government House for the last time. Chris Patten accepted the folded Union Flag in front of Government House while his daughters, their faces drained, looked on. His staff in tears, the pipers played Highland Cathedral, the governor's favourite song. There was no speech from the departing leader; none was

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The moment 156 years of British rule came to an end: the Union flag is lowered and China's flag raised. President Jaing Zemin of China declared that it was "a new dawn

## Tears and rain mingle as the retreat is beaten

FROM SIMON JENKINS IN HONG KONG

THE party is over. The British rule in Hong Kong ended on the dot of midnight last night. in torrential rain but with dignity and panache. The Last Post had been sounded, the

Retreat Beaten. The weather was awful but the ceremonial superb. The Pacific Empire went out on the completion of a property contract, in a swirl of pipes and a rattle of drums. The massed bands defied the thunderstorms sweeping down from The Peak, and played The Day Thou Gavest Lord Has End-ed. The flag dipped and a lone pipe played the lament. The audience sang Auld Lang

Syne, the tears mingling with the rain. The Governor admitted he had long run out of handkerchiefs. Tony Blair looked bemused, the Prince of Wales merely wet.

Whoever planned the sur-render date of the Hong Kong lease clearly failed to remember the monsoons. The outdoor ceremony was supposed to have been cancelled in the event of rain. Yet as the clouds which had hovered all day over the colony duly broke, the organisers went ahead. Never in the history of diplomacy can so much power and money, so many beautiful suits and dresses, have been so thoroughly soaked to the skin.
The ceremony was lifted

unchanged from every retrest-

from-empire textbook. It was middle-brow to the last. Local children danced inside dragons and paraded as three tokens of modern Hong Kong, as world currencies. microchips and academic gowns. Dame Gwyneth Jones acted Vera Lynn, with I'll See You Again. Brian Blessed

gave a potted history of the place. The orchestra played Elgar. The Prince of Wales made a dull speech, standing in what appeared to be a waterfall. The Governor made a moving one. Mr Patten said he was the

twenty-eighth and last to hold his office. "Hong Kong people are now to run Hong Kong," he said. That is the promise

destiny." The Patten edge was Post's last poil, conducted this there to the end. Hong Kong must have political liberty and economic freedom, but for that they must now look to

Mr Patten was cheered to the skies. He has been a popular Governor and never more so than of late. He offered Hong Kong's democratic leaders a taste of what they should have had long ago. Politicians who once accused the British of kowtowing to Beijing are doing so no longer. The tit-for-tat boycotts of last night's banquet and government inauguration are an ironic measure of Mr Patten's success. He has made politics matter in Hong Kong.

week, has 50 per cent of Hong Kongers saying they would still prefer to remain British and shows Mr Patten's stock rising to the end.

Yet China's claim is rightful. As the guests moved from the sodden parade ground to the huge new convention centre, the Chinese leadership arrived to assert it. They were greeted

by a stupendous firework display, punching galaxies of stars into the gloomy clouds and showering firestorms down on Kowloon, The Chinese are promising an even bigger display tonight, with five times more connes of aloft, and helped by five times the leverage on Continued on page 2, col 5

#### Players cut up rough over Centre Court

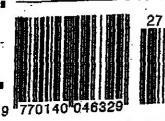
By STEPHEN FARRELL

WIMPLEDON last night Throughout the first week admitted concern over the state of Centre Court after complaints by leading players after apparently being sur-following weeks of heavy rain. prised by the bounce. After his

Pete Sampras, Boris Becker straight sets victory over the and Tim Henman said the Zimbabwean Byron Black yessurface was less firm than on terday Sampras, the top men's the neighbouring No 1 Court," seed, confirmed he found the and Jana Novotna, the former women's finalist, claimed the grass was "badly damaged".



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players were seen prodding the surface with their rackets bounce uneven. "I've never seen Centre Court so chopped up, obviously because of the rain and all the play on it. It's

there's no grass. It's like cement, he said.
The All England Club admitted the grass on Centre Court was softer and "more susceptible to damage" than in previous years. A spokesman blamed excess moisture created inside the heavy covers that had to be left on before and

hard. There are areas where

during the tournament because of the rain. Eddie Seaward, the head groundsman, said last night "I am obviously concerned but once the moisture has dried out, I am confident the court will become firmer, look better and continue to perform well."

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#### Spending pushes pound to high

The pound rose to a five-year against the German mark as strong consumer spending data pointed to another increase in interest rates. Dealers continued to sell other European currencies amid renewed concern over the viability of monetary union.

The pound was boosted by figures showing consumer credit growing by £1.1 billion in May, the second-largest increase on record .... Page 27

#### More BA staff vote for strike

TGWU ground crew workers joined cabin crew in a vote for strike action against British Airways, threatening to ground the airline at the

height of the holiday season. Shop stewards will meet today to decide on action in protest at the selling off of the airline's catering operation.

#### Ellm Juninho

Middlesbrough have accepted an Ell million offer from Tottenham Hotspur for their 24-year-old Brazilian midfield player, Juninho. Atlético Madrid are also after him and are willing to meet the asking ..... Page 46

### **Doctors sound alarm over** 'emergencies only' scenario

BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HOSPITALS will be able to handle only emergencies this winter, with seriously ill patients touring the country in ambulances to find one of the few available intensive care beds, doctors' leaders said yesterday. Even a mild influenza epidemic could cause

Giving warning that the National Health Service faced the gravest crisis in its 50 years, doctors from round the country told the annual conference of the British Medical Association that there was no spare capacity to cope with the inevitable extra winter demand on services. Dr Sandy Macara, the

chairman, said that even in last year's mild winter, waiting lists had to be allowed to rise to protect emergency admissions. The winter ahead would be far worse, said Jim Johnson, chairman of the hospital consultants committee. All non-emergency work would have to stop until the spring, hospital corridors and even ambulances could be

filled with patients queuing

for trollies. "The pressures we shall have to face this winter will be the worst ever, with financial projection for the next two years which make it at best unclear how the NHS can continue to function," he told the conference.

The doctors rejected any idea of charging patients for care, and laid down a clear pre-Budget marker that the Treasury must find more money to prevent a doomsday.



to sew it back on but as it wasn't an emergency..."

to a minimum.

The doctors also wanted a better pay deal. "Our new political masters must not continue to mistake dedication to our patients as signifying passivity," Dr Macara said to warm applause. "We cannot continue to be forced to work in a system in which the pressures are those of a business-driven enterprise while the rewards are those of a care-driven service."

Evan Harris, a junior doctor and newly elected Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, said he was living proof that the public would vote for someone who called for increased taxation to pay for health.

"We must have a proper debate and engage battle on fair direct taxation, which the Government, despite their claim to rule out nothing in their search for more money. appears to have excluded," he

"The Health Secretary is faced with two options: increased funding or continued crisis: this is Dobson's choice."

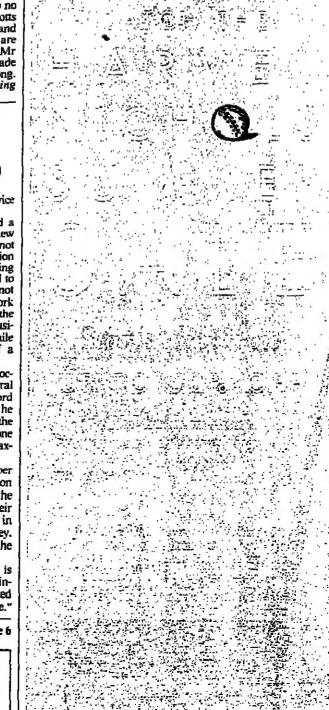
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## Blair talks tough with Beijing leaders



FROM JULI SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT IN HONG KONG

TONY BLAIR last night gave a warning to Chinese leaders that Hong Kong would be "destroyed" if Beijing did any-thing to undermine the Joint Declaration. Hours before the official handover, Mr Blair hardened his language. He admitted that he viewed the next few months with "trepidation and apprehension".

He made clear before his meeting with President Jiang Zemin of China that the new regime would need to stick to the spirit and the letter of the Joint Declaration or risk international condemnation.

He signalled his own concerns about the uncertainties of the next few months when the provisional legislature is put in place. "Whatever the emotional tugs, we have to look to the future. That is the reality. There is nothing else we can do," he said. "If we have to act, then the people of Hong Kong will expect us to mobilise international opinion. China must know Hong Kong will be destroyed if they try to undermine the Joint Declaration."

President Jiang attempted to allay Mr Blair's concerns at their meeting, which lasted for 40 minutes last night. He even invited the Prime Minister to visit China. Mr Blair accepted the invitation but it is unlikely that he will take up the offer this year. However, Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary,

may make an earlier visit. Before he arrived in Hong Kong. Mr Blair had made much more cautious remarks about any potential abuse of power by the Chinese after the handover. But last night he toughened his tone after a meeting with Tung Chee-hwa. the new Chief Executive, be-



People's Liberation Army troops listen to speeches in Shenzhen yesterday before crossing the border to their Hong Kong posting, where President Jiang Zemin, below, was being welcomed

fore he met President Jiang and Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister.

"It is a momentous occasion for Hong Kong, for Britain and for the Chinese," said Mr Blair. "We would be dishonest if we did not say that it is a very strange feeling for us and one which we approach with trepidation." Before his meeting with the Chinese leaders of good relations between the countries, particularly in regard to human rights. Britain is the best guarantor of the liberties that the people of Hong Kong have." he said. Britain expects them to keep to the terms of the agreements. that is put at risk the Chinese would be putting the whole stability of Hong Kong in jeopardy."

Earlier, at his meeting with

Mr Tung, Mr Blair welcomed the Chief Executive's assurance that free and fair elections would be held within a year. And he received a guarantee from Mr Tung that elections would be held by next May at the latest and that they would be both free and That is an important step forward," Mr Blair said. He had made clear that he

beginning" in the relationship with China but based on a clear adherence to the Joint Declaration. He told the Chinese leaders that he had no desire to fight old battles again but he also pointed out the importance of Britain as a signatory of the declaration and the impact both on Britain's own position and international opinion if this was

Earlier, in unprecedented scenes, Mr Blair was mobbed by thousands of people in a shopping precinct. The Prime Minister and Chris Patten, the Governor, were cheered and applauded at an impromptu

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Anatole Kaletsky, page 22 Leading article and

## Mainland welcomes the first of 'three steps forward'

"WHAT does it matter to us common people whether Hong asked a 32-year-old man here yesterday. "It only makes a difference to the [Communist] Party. For the common people, those who eat vegetables will continue to eat egetables, and those who cat rice will continue to eat rice." In other words, nothing will change in his

Chinese people have grown cynical over the years of official campaigns, be it the Great Leap

Cultural Revolution or the current relentiess propaganda about the handover and President Jiang Zemin's "lofty mission" in Hong Kong. After all, no matter what Government was in power in Beijing, China would still have been resuming sovereignty over Hong Kong. It is not per se, an achievement of the Party, although it is one that makes all Chinese proud.

British imperialism in China has had its inglorious episodes, from the Opium Wars to the sacking of the Summer Palace in Beijing by British troops. However, it is hard to demonise the British in Hong demonised in China, or project them as oppressors. As a resident of massacre anyone."

Bai Shu Zhen, 57, lives in a hutung — a traditional grey-walled lane - just behind Tiananmen Square, Yesterday morning she was out trimming her rose bushes. "I go to Tiananmen every night for a walk, but tonight I can't go - it is closed," she said. "But my 21-yearold son will be dancing in the official ceremonies on the square, and I will be watching television. I'm happy that Hong Kong will

will be just as happy as us, for it's the time to hand over Hong Kong to Weihai, a former British treaty port, said recently: "The British did not all because of Britain's work. Many Chinese, especially Hong Kong people, also made a contribution to that. 1 believe China itself will become more prosperous after the handover, but as to my own life,

nothing will change." Another group of women, standing together in a hutung near Capital Hospital, were in a good mood, planning how they would spend their three-day handover holiday. "During these three days,"

television, seeing the speciacular fireworks and walking in Tiananmen Square when it's not cordoned off.

"We are happy, while the British won't be happy at the handover," said another woman. "But Britain has done a good job in Hong Kong in every way. For instance, Britain has enhanced the living standards of the people

Asked about the violent events in Tiananmen, most people say that they are "now in the past". One woman said: "We have three steps to go - Hong Kong, Macau

and Taiwan. Hong Kong is the first



### 'We will take you home in our hearts'

Continued from page 1 necessary then. He was driven out of the gates of Government House for the last time to attend the British waterfront ceremonies with his wife. Barely an hour later, President Jiang's Boeing 747 touched down at Kai Tak airport, the first chairman of the Chinese Communist Party on Hong Kong soil.

The return of Hong Kong ends years of shame and humiliation which China endured at the hands of foreign powers. Pouring rain added to the poignancy of the reality

that the colonial power was troops arrived at the border giving up six and a half ready to move across. million free Chinese, who have built a city state 50 times richer than China's poorest province, to a totalitarian government from which most had originally fled. At the British waterfront ceremony. Mr Patten said: "We will take Hong Kong home in our hearts. You have been kind to us and you have made us welcome. Now

Hong Kong people will run Hong Kong: that is the prom-ise and that is the destiny." Just as the British ceremony ended, the first batch of PLA

Earlier in the day Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, received an assurance from his Chinese counterpart. Qian Qichen, that the Hong Kong Police will be used for internal security and there is no question of the PLA soldiers being used for anything other than

Soon after the handover, the billionaire businessman Tung Chee-hwa, 60, was sworn in as the first chief executive of Hong Kong. The ceremony was boycotted by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and British ministers, in opposition to Beijing's decision to scrap the Legislative Council and replace it with an unelected provisional legislature.

Elections are possible next May. The leader of Hong Kong's popular Democratic Party, Martin Lee, defiantly served notice from the balcony of the council building that he would fight on for democracy: We pledge to continue to be the voice of Hong Kong people in or our of office — and to light to get democracy back."

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local businesses to pay for it. The banquet was hosted by foreign ministers, since Chinese President Jiang had refused to be "paired" with the Prince of Wales rather than the Queen. As a result the meal took on something of a Rotary Club gala. A miracle of protocol contrived four top tables of 40 guests each, of

identical placement status. Chief care had to be taken of that most impenetrably sensi-tive group, the British Conservative Party. Baroness Thatcher had to be measured

from William Hague, he from Lord Howe, and he from Mr Patten. Saving the "face" of the Chinese politburo was child's

play in comparison. The dinner will go down as a classic of mass catering. Four thousands guests were champagned, canapéd, seated and fed three courses inside two hours. The key was simplicity. Chinese food was banned as too complex.

From this the evening passed swiftly to anti-climax, the formal handover ceremony in the main convention

from Sir Edward Heath, he hall. By now Europeans were heavily outnumbered by Chi-European familiars stuck out among them as if in a dream, seated apparently at random. There was Richard Branson, there Sir David Frost, there Rupert Murdoch, there Lord Hurd. Suddenly it

was over. The People's Liberation Army goosestepped on stage, the Union Jack was lowered and the rasping man-

darin of President Jiang welcomed "a new dawn". By my

4,000 PLA troops were preparing to move to the old Prince of Wales barracks, from which its motto had hurriedly been removed. At Government House they had already auctioned off the crockery. But the Rolls-Royce was left behind. It

awaits a new owner.

slip its moorings.

watch the British Empire shut

up shop two minutes early.

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## Plain-speaking and tears from Patten



Chris Patten, the twenty-righth and last Governor of Hong Kong, holds a folded Union flag as he receives an honour salute at Government House before his departure at yesterday's handover

## Friends see last governor off on sentimental journey

IN HONG KONG

THE rain had stopped but there were plenty of teardrops; last night on the quayside as an hour earlier had been the twenty-eighth Governor of Hong Kong - boarded the royal yacht Britannia The hand played I Vow to

Thee My Country and Rule Britannia. Two hundred of the Pattens' staff and friends

goodbye. Mr Patten, his wife and three daughters, went along the line of well-wishers

a lovely man, very warm. I can't say that for all the

his life anytime."

A Catholic nun, sister Marine, said: "I came here to wish them well. Mrs Patten was

friends were all in tears. One

of the former Governor's

bodyguards, Paul Yung, said:

one of our patrons at the hospice. She was very generous and always hands-on." The wife of Han Dongfang, one of China's most famous

Tra off duty now, but I'd save dissidents, who has stayed There were clerks, secretarbehind despite the new rulers, waved goodbye to the Pattens. "My husband is out there in ies, social secretaries and an aide de camp to the Governor, Paul Ellis, who said: 'He was the city somewhere, I hope I'll see him soon." she said.

There had been some question as to whether the Chinese leaders would shake hands with Mr Patten. His present aide de camp, Lance Brown, wearing his white uniform and plumed hat, said: "The Governor made President Jiang an offer he couldn't refuse. They shook hands."

As Britannia pulled away, taking the Governor and the Prince of Wales to the Philippines, 100 yards away a large crowd had assembled outside the Prince of Wales barracks, for many years the headquarters here of the British military. Two People's Liberation Army soldiers were standing guard at the gate.

☐ Missed deadline: Journalists at Hong Kong's main English language newspaper, the South China Morning Post, were contemplating the journal's non-appearance this morning after their entire computer system crashed within seconds of the official handover (Polly Newton

The machines went down at two minutes past midnight, prompting semi-jovial speculation that the timing was not coincidental.

As final deadlines approached and there was no sign of normal service being resumed, one reporter on the paper said: "We are really pushing it now. It's the day that the paper has been waiting for for years and this has happened."

The Post's editor faced criticism in the months leading up the handover for his decision to withdraw a cartoon strip, the World of Suzy Wong. which lampooned the Chinese administration in Beijing.

By JONATHAN MIRSKY

CHRIS PATTEN bowed his head and wept at the farewell ceremony last night just after delivering his final words as Britain's twenty-eighth Governor of Hong Kong: "Now Hong Kong people are to run. Hong Kong. That is the promise. And that is the unshakeable destiny."

Mr Patten had been cheered to the echo around the Tamar naval parade ground by a crowd of 10,000, mostly Chinese. The Governor began his: speech with the kind of plainspeaking about the opium trade that few of his predecessors ever ventured. Hong Kong's British chapter, he said, began with events that from today's vantage point ... none of us here today would wish or seek to condone."

Then it was the turn of the Prince of Wales, dressed in naval uniform, to give the first of his two speeches before the Union flag was lowered. The heavens opened, soaking the bearskins and the sporrans of the soldiers arrayed before him, and making inaudible the shrieked orders of their

The Prince spoke for five minutes on behalf of the Queen but his words were drowned in the torrential rain. Fortunately, the key words that we were all meant to hear - rule of law, pride, legacy of family and friendship, enduring ties, long history - appeared in large characters on a huge outdoor television

The troops, members of Black Watch, Scots Guards, Royal Marines, Gurkhas, Navy, Army, and the Royal Air Force did what they do best when they are not fighting: marching and playing brisk music. There was also a lone piper.

With the floodlit Britannia lying alongside, and as the crowd got wetter and wetter and banged its feet to demonstrate its enthusiasm, it was possible momentarily to forget that power was truly passing elsewhere.

Tony Blair was holding a "bilateral" meeting with President Jiang Zemin in a hotel across the harbour. The Chinese leader was studiously avoiding any street demonstrations by also sailing across the water directly to the Convention Centre, the site of the handover. He would agrive just late enough to snub the banquet hosted by the British.

### Prince gives pledge of further support

THE Prince of Wales, handing over British sovereignty over Hong Kong to China, last night said the triumphant success of Hong Kong demanded and deserved to be maintairted. He said:

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This important and marks a moment of both change and con-

tinuity in Hong Kong's hist-ory. It marks, first of all, the restoration of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China, under the terms of the Sino-British Joint Declaration

This ceremony also celebrates continuity because, by that same treaty and the many subsequent agreements which have been made to implement its provisions, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will have its own government, and retain its own society, its own economy and its own way

of life.
I should like to pay tribute ... to those who turned the concept of one country, two systems' into the Joint Declaration, and to the dedication and commitment of those who have worked so hard over the last 13 years to negotiate the details of the Joint Declaration's implementation.

to pay tribute to the people of Hong Kong themselves for all that they have achieved in the last century and a half. The triumphant success of Hong Kong demands - and deserves - to be maintained. Hong Kong has shown the world how dynamism and stability can be defining characteristics of a successful society. These have together created a great economy which is the envy of the world.

Hong Kong has shown the world how East and West can live and work together. As a flourishing commercial and cultural crossroads, it has brought us together and en-

Thirteen years ago the Gov-people of Hong Kong, to have



The Prince yesterday: "Hong Kong has shown the world how East and West can live and work together"

ernments of the United King-dom and the People's Republic of China recognised in the Joint Declaration that these special elements which had created the crucial conditions for Hong Kong's success should continue. They agreed that, in order to maintain that But most of all I should like success, Hong Kong should have its own separate trading and financial systems, enjoy autonomy and an elected leg-islature, maintain its laws and liberties, and be run by the people of Hong Kong and be

accountable to them. Those special elements have served Hong Kong well over the past two decades. Hong Kong has coped with the challenges of great economic, social and political transition with almost none of the distur-bance and dislocation which in other parts of the world have so often accompanied change on such a scale.

The United Kingdom has been proud and privileged to have had responsibility for the

provided a framework of opportunity in which Hong Kong has so conspicuously succeeded, and to have been part of the success ....

In a few moments, the United Kingdom's responsibilities will pass to the People's Republic of China. Hong Kong will thereby be restored to China within the framework of 'one country, two

China will tonight take responsibility for a place and a people which matter greatly to us all. The solemn pledges made before the world in the 1984 Joint Declaration guarantee the continuity of Hong Kong's way of life.

For its part, the United Kingdom will maintain its unwavering support for the Joint Declaration. Our commitment and

strong links will continue, and will. I am confident, flourish, as Hong Kong and its people continue to

#### Gloomy expats hear last **Archers** episode FROM DAVID WATTS

FORGET the imported Mars bars and newspapers, what will really leave British expatriates culturally deprived is the ending of The Archers. Last night the last instalment went out and from now on, fans will have to have

out from Britain. "It's my routine every night," said one desperate expatriate wife. "As soon as I come through the door I turn

The British Forces Broad-

taped omnibus editions sent

casting Service ceased its ser-vice at midnight and yesterday was busy packing its equipment into containers for shipment back to Britain. Radio Television Hong Kong has decided not to pick up the option because the series is thought to be too politically incorrect. But with skilful blending of government and agricultural propaganda, surely a Phil Archer with Chinese characteristics

Beijing.
For those expatriates who do not know Tom Brokaw from Dan Rather, there will still be the BBC World TV Service on cable.

could do wonders for the

propaganda department in

There was a last-minute rush of weddings in Hong Kong at the weekend as some tied the knot in the last 48 hours of colonialism. Altogether, 209 received the

last marriage certificates topped with the Crown, including a British couple -Claudia Denio, who grew up in the colony, and Alexander Matheson, a Scot who turned up in his kilt for "a day worth remembering".

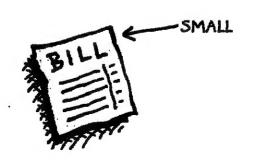
Sentiment apart, the future of marriage under the new government is one of the great unknowns of the new era. Hong Kong couples are used to having two children - but under mainland rules that is stricky taboo.







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## Millions mute as curtain falls on final act

AFTER the departure of rrinces, presidents, prime ninisters and governors - ogether with the horde of nstant-expert anchor-persons ransmitting truth and porten-- the images

CBS television last week proadcast "exclusive" footage of 50 smartly uniformed memers of the hand-picked Chitese garrison learning Engish. Their caps aligned before hem, the soldiers chorused hat day's mantra: "Please show me your identity card."

A second image: Martin Lee, chairman of the Democratic Party, one of Hong Kong's most admired politicians, who loses his seat in the old wholly elected Legislative Council. Mr Lee was trawling round a chic pre-handover party for "anyone who can show me how to climb up a ladder - elegantly, of course". Always impeccably dressed. he intended to defy a ruling by the new administration, barring him from the balcony of the Legislative Council building, by climbing up its facade with the world's television cameras on him, to give a speech to his supporters below. This media nightmare concentrated the minds of the new authorities, who said at the last minute that Mr Lee could appear without using a

Another image: the priest at Chris Patten's parish church reminding the congregation that Jesus said. "I come not to be served but to serve", and saying to Mr Patten: "You leave us with a shining example of how those words can be applied ... on the highest levels of secular authority."



When the after-images of ceremony fade, the focus will turn on a silenced majority, writes Jonathan Mirsky

But there remains another larger, blurred impression which drives many visiting journalists to wonder what "the story" of the handover has been, apart from the constant events set up for the media and the parties for the

rich and the glamorous. The large blur is the major ity of Hong Kong's 612 million Chinese people. They are the only British colonial subjects never prepared for an independence for which they were



wholly suited. Instead, they were handed back according to treaty, without consultation, to the country from which most of them or their parents and grandparents fled.

For weeks they have appeared impassive and bland, going about their business like the citizens of mainland Chinese cities during periods of strain such as the Cultural Revolution, when people were afraid to shut their eyes at night because of what they might be overheard saying in

their sleep; or as people ap-peared as they walked past stadiums during the "strike hard" campaigns as "criminals" were being executed.

In Hong Kong, in the days before the handover, people crowded to work in the central office district, the men in their modern Western suits, women in tailored jackets and miniskirts, talking into mobile phones and checking their expensive watches. In the rural New Territories they flew Chinese red flags in places where not long ago they displayed others, from Taiwan.

Everywhere they bought handover kitsch - glasses, watches, T-shirts - bearing the 97 logo designed to give a go-ahead impression, and the new Hong Kong symbol, the modest (and sterile) bauhinia blossom, and took pictures of each other before colonial symbols such as Government House. They asked foreigners if we were going to leave after the handover and if we said no they smiled slightly. It was all very orderly.

As Chris Patten says, Hong Kong is one of the most peaceful cities in the world, a place where even a politically divided legislature is so courteous that it would be the envy of Westminster. He asks where the "instability", to which the new administration

A crowd cheers Chris Patten as he is driven away from Government House, his official residence, for the last time. To the surprise of some, he broke with tradition and failed to perform the "I will return" ritual in which departing governors circle the drive of the residence three times

and who the "people out there" are, mentioned often by Tung Chee-hwa, the new Chief Executive, and supposedly ready

to destabilise Hong Kong.

question, and the focus of Mr

Tung's fears are the people of Hong Kong. Beneath their calm, pleasant demeanour is another level, the one in which they harbour the beliefs they reveal to polisters. As Mr Patten observed on Sunday, to

insist that Hong Kong people care only for money "is to demean them". Many do not want to be part of China or even think they are "Chinese": they say they are "Hong Kong Chinese", or simply "Hong

Kong people". In 1989, after the Tiananmen Square killings, hundreds of thousands marched in protest and this year, on June 4, despite Mr Tung telling them to ignore the past, 60,000 of them took their

tioned where no one can overhear, despise the new appointed Legislative Council. In 1995 more than a million voted for its abolished predecessor, in a majority so large that if this were a real democracy Mr Lee would be prime minister — the very Mr Lee described as "a bad-mouther"

majority of those ques-

by Mr Tung and a "black hand" by Beijing. Traditionally, Chinese have admired those who speak truth to power: the mandarin

who tells off the emperor and is beheaded, the poet who writes an oblique poem bewailing an unjust regime. In nese once admired Mao, and later the investigative journalists who went to prison for exposing his excesses. Nowadays in Hong Kong, the prison letters of Wei Jingsheng, China's best-known political prisoner, sell briskly.

Mr Tung is quite right: there are indeed people out

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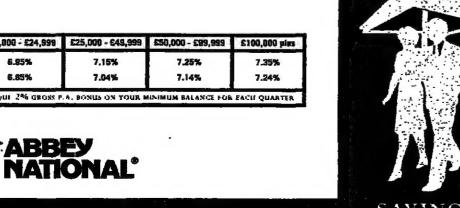
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## Chinese keep options open with property in London

By KATHERINE BERGEN

ESTATE agents expect Hong Kong Chinese buyers to continue to show interest in central London property even after the handover to China. Interest from Hong Kong in the London residential market began to escalate in the early 1980s and now many

even visiting Britain. Lorna Vestey of Knight Hong Kong Chinese had played a significant part in the recovery of the central London property market with purchases mainly of flats in new developments as letting

buy property unseen without

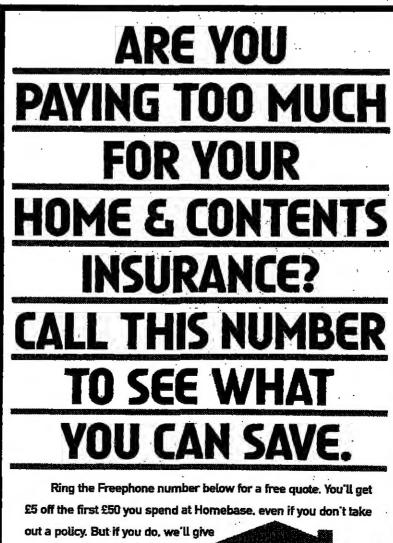
"The rate of buying has

somewhat eased in the past few weeks, as their concerns are with events at home, but we expect that the Chinese influence in London will be every bit as long-lasting as the British influence has been in Hong Kong."

Jonathan Seal of Hamptons International said sales over the past year had been due principally to the and development wing of the company has staged 18 exhibi-tions in Hong Kong in the past six months and sales to Hong Kong Chinese clients account for around 65 per cent

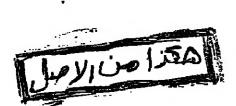
of properties sold. "Around 90 per cent of these clients are buying to invest in homes they can rent out. It is an upward trend growing on the back of the strong lettings market and we expect it to continue."

Agents agree that bolthole" option is only a secondary consideration for the Hong Kong Chinese buyer. Justin Shingles of Strutt & Parker said they would rather their money to possible risk at nearly always for renting out but could be used to live in if it came to it," he said. "We expect interest in the London market to go up after the



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## Crash mother learns of children's deaths

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A CRITICALLY injured woman thrown from the wreckage of a car crash cuddled her newborn baby in hospital yesterday as dis-traught relatives broke the news that her husband and two young sons had been killed in the accident.

The wife of a wealthy farmer, Susan Cole, 35, who was nine months' pregnant, was taken to hospital where she had an emergency Caesar-ean section within an hour. The 9th 9oz boy was born

Last night police confirmed that the 25-year-old driver of the lorry that had been in family's collision with the family's Ford Sierra head-on had failed a breath test at the scene. He remained under arrest last

night.
Mrs Cole was told that her drew, 37, and sons Henry, 4, and George, 2, were dead. Her daughter, Grace, 6, survived the crash on a country road at . Chadwell St Mary, Essex, and was said to be stable in



Baby Cole yesterday. He was born after the crash

hospital. She had not been told of the death of her father and brothers.

The dead man's father, Alan Cole, 68, said at the family's 18th-century stone farmhouse: They had just been shopping. My daughter-in-law had birth pains, so they had been to the local supermarket to restock the pantry before she went into hospital. This is devastating." The family were less than a quarter of a mile from

pened on Sunday afternoon. Michael Martin, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Basildon Hospital, said: "I got a telephone call to say she had been admitted after an horrendous traffic accident. She had serious injuries and the baby was showing signs of

Two teams of surgeons conducted the Caesarean section before operating on her injuries, which included severe bleeding of the liver, bruising

and lacerations to her head. Mr Martin said: The baby would not have survived if it had not been promptly delivered. The mother was critical, but after the birth we were able to stabilise her condition. She has seen and held her newborn baby. She is coping, but will have to take the trauma step by step."

Last night Mrs Cole was

said to be in a stable condition under sedation in intensive care. Her surviving daughter. who received a minor fracture of the pelvis and scalp wounds, remained under observation but was said to be

recovering.

The driver of the lorry and a 28-year-old male passenger in the cab were unhurt. A spokes-man for D H A Freight of Markyate, Hertfordshire. said: "We are deeply shocked to learn that a vehicle of ours was involved in a fatal crash. The vehicle was in the custody of a new employee who had collected it on Saturday. He was not on company business at the time. Our thoughts are with the family concerned."



Tracie Andrews leaving court after the opening day of her trial yesterday

#### Tracie **Andrews** trial opens

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

TRACIE ANDREWS appeared at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday at the start of the trial into the murder of her 25-year-old fiance Lee Harvey. who was stabbed to death on a country lane at Alvechurch. near Birmingham.

Miss Andrews, 27. of Alvechurch, was arrested on December 7 last year and later charged with his murder. She arrived at court in a prison van and sat in the dock to see the jury sworn in. The prose-cution is scheduled to begin its opening argument today. The trial is expected to last two

Miss Andrews, who worked as a barmaid before her arrest, has been staying at the home of her mother, Irene Carter, in Alvechurch, on the same estate as the home she shared with Mr Harvey. Her mother and steplather Alan Carter are taking care of her six-year-old daughter.

Mr Harvey was anacked on December 1. He received multiple stab wounds to his neck. face, back, head and body.

#### Sex abuse | Girl, 8, is couple try expelled to silence for 'crime' the police

.. BY LIN JENKINS

A COUPLE convicted of "horrific" paedophile offences, who have had to leave four homes since leaving prison, yesterday sought the protection of the law. They claimed in the High Court that the police had exceeded their powers and unlawfully had them evicted from a caravan site in North Wales, forcing them to live an itinerant life like "subgypales".

Stephen Solley, QC, was launching a test case in which

open

ion

the married sex offenders are asking the court to rule that a policy introduced by North Wales Police, under which the public is told when paedophiles are in their area, is contrary to their rights and unreasonable. The couple are seeking an injunction restraining the police from their policy of releasing information about

The police claim that the couple were made to leave the caravan, site only to protect children who were likely to visit during the Easter

The case will help to clarify the law on the conflict between a parent's right to know when a child abuser is living near by and the offender's right to privacy and the chance of rehabilitation. Other police forces are awaiting the outcome before, deciding whether to adopt similar poli-

cies of naming paedophiles Mr Solley told the High Court that police had shown the owners of the caravan site newspaper reports about how the couple were hounded outof their previous home in Colwyn Bay. The reports gave details of their conviction in Lord Bingham of Cornhill reserved judgment

# of father

A GIRL aged eight has been expelled from a private school in Merseyside because her father was questioned by police in connection with an

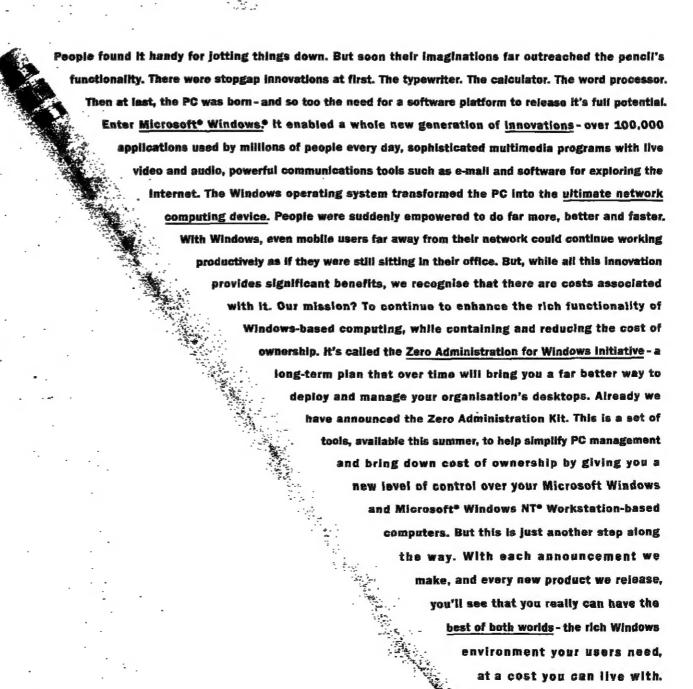
alleged drugs offence.
Olivia Avis, who attended
the McKee School in
Allerton, Liverpool, was told
to change into her outdoor shoes, was put in a taxi and sent home unaccompanied into the care of her sick 13year-old sister. She knew-nothing of her

father's alleged crime because her mother, who is separated from him had been waiting for she best time to break the news to her. Olivia's place at the school

came into question as news spread among parents of the appearance before magis trates in Manchester of Edward Avis, who was accused of conspiring to import a controlled drug Pamela McKee, the head teacher, said she expelled the girl tening to withdraw their children. She admitted was wrong to send her

Elizabeth Avis, 36, Olivia's mother, from Childwall, said she was appalled by the school's behaviour and considered it outrageous her daughter could be punished mething her father was alleged to have done. She said: "Olivia was terri-

fied and crying her eyes out when she was put in the taxi. They put my daughter under serious risk by sending her



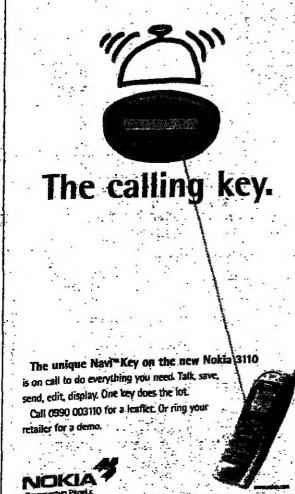




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## Doctors predict record waiting lists for hospitals

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

HE health service is plungig towards financial crisis ith the prospect of record aiting lists, speakers at the ritish Medical Association meeting claimed esterday.

There were warnings of ealthcare rationing, hospiils overflowing with emer-ency cases, and GPs waiting coms filled with sick people reding operations and hospial treatment

Jim Johnson, a surgeon who hairs the hospital consultants ommittee, said the prospects ere fearsome. We are aleady being asked to do more or the same money. Unless here are more funds we will ee that non-emergency work n hospitals will stop, and it vill stop sooner than last year. Ve will see patients lying on rolleys or being ferried round the countryside in imbulances trying to find a red or intensive care."

Sandy Macara, chairman of he association, said he had explained the situation to the Jovernment but there was no

All NHS trusts are to be compelled to hold their meetings in public. the Health Secretary said yesterday. Many already do. nual health group meeting of the trade union Unison in Brighton, but those that did not would be forced to do so if Parliament approves regulations he is to outlined plans to make trust boards more representative of those they serve. Appoint-ments to be made in Nov-

government health team the impossible job of delivering on the assurances given before the election to cut waiting lists by 100,000. The fact is that the lists are increasing and will reach record levels. Without more money here is no chance that

ember and December

would include more NHS

users, patients and carers.

they will decrease.
"We have a very big uphill

struggle with the likelihood of a head-on clash between the Government and the public that had so many expectations when they elected it. We will have to become more and more aggressive. This Government deserves a honeymoon, but a honeymoon should demonstrate that a degree of long-term harmony

The association has called for an extra El billion in each of the next five years to make the service efficient. That would only cost an extra £17 a year or 30p a week per person, Dr Macara told the Edinburgh meeting.

Doctors also wanted a better pay deal. "Our new political masters must not continue to mistake dedication to our patients as signifying passivity," he said to warm applause. "We cannot continue to be forced to work in a system in which the pressures are those of a business-driven enterprise whilst the rewards are those of a care-driven service."

The conference overwhelmingly rejected motions calling for the introduction of charges



Sandy Macara, BMA chairman, said only extra funds could improve care

dedicated tax for healthcare. But members voted narrowly in favour of re-examing alternative methods of paying for the NHS "if it is no longer possible to do this adequately

for patients or bringing in a through prescription charges

Jonathan Reggler, a GP from Marlow, Buckinghamshire, called on members to ask for charging as the only way to stop the health service from dying. The BMA must stop wringing its hands, must stop bleating 'more tax' when it just won't happen," he said. The Labour Party had been forced to reinvent itself into a low-tax party in order to be electable, and it meant to keep that promise.

"If you accept that the burgeoning costs of the NHS

cannot or will not be matched year after year by tax in-creases and that we must have new ways of providing funds, then you must support the idea of charges."

He was backed by Sir Anthony Grabham, a former BMA chairman, "It defies all our experience to expect the NHS ever will be properly funded by tax," he said. "It will be better for patients and better for doctors if we seek additional sources because then we might become less dependent on the Treasury." Evan Harris, a junior doctor and newly elected Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford

from Edgware in north London, said doctors were "caught in the cross-fire between the patient and the reality of the bankrupt NHS. Haphazard, covert rationing

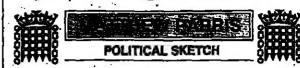
West and Abingdon, said he was living proof that the public would vote for someone who called for increased taxation to pay for health. "We must have a proper debate and engage battle on fair direct taxation, which the Government, despite their claim to rule out nothing in their search for more money, appears to have excluded," he said. "The Health Secretary is faced with two options: increased funding or continued

But Peter Bennie, chairman of the iunior doctors committee, captured the mood of the conference when he argued that charging would amount to putting a stake through the heart of the welfare state. "It is possible to do it through taxation and it is an affront to my principles that this association should even consider

crisis: this is Dobson's choice."

charging patients."
Chaand Nagpaul, a GP is going on at local levels and treatment depends totally on

## Empire is shut but the Palace show goes on



just after Britain took Hong Kong, and just before opened. Britain as a nation was no older, then, than St Pancras is now. They are more recent than they seem, these ancient landmarks of

British history.
As Britain's last significant colony was given away yesterday afternoon, you could be pardoned for concluding that the British Empire was over. The neo-Gothic palace constructed to crown it however, was still

At Westminster, the scribblers were still scribbling. the kitchens still cooking, the printers still printing and the MPs still gassing, just as they did when Parliament returned to its recon-

structed premises in 1851. At that time it governed half the world. As the enterprise shrinks, the headquarters continue to flourish. Lamps burn late, with MPs' former responsibilities for India, world trade and policing the globe replaced by a concern for village speed limits, pelican crossings and the Arcola Street Social Security Office in Hackney.

Arcola Street was raised at Social Security Questions yesterday by the Labour MP for Hackney N & Stoke Newington, Diane Abbott. She wanted an assurance from the Secretary of State. Harriet Harman, that no single mother would be forced into taking a job "on pain of losing benefit". Ms Harman said there would be "no compulsion"

Her Minister of State however, the faintly intimidating Frank Field, was less reassuring when asked about what he called "unveiling our plans for 'welfare to work' " for the under-25s. "Each of them," breathed Mr Field, with silky menace, "is very important to us." Hearing him, your average yob might shudder and wish

he were rather less impor tant. But no, such was the "there will therefore be four options". MPs gasped. Four ctions! Ah, continued Mr Field, but it was "the Prime Minister's view that there should be no fifth option: of remaining on benefit"

Put crudely, what Mr Field is saying to each important youth is "get your finger out or I'll send Tony round. Tony has views on young people who don't take training options. Very strong views. He gets awfully upset. That's how impor-

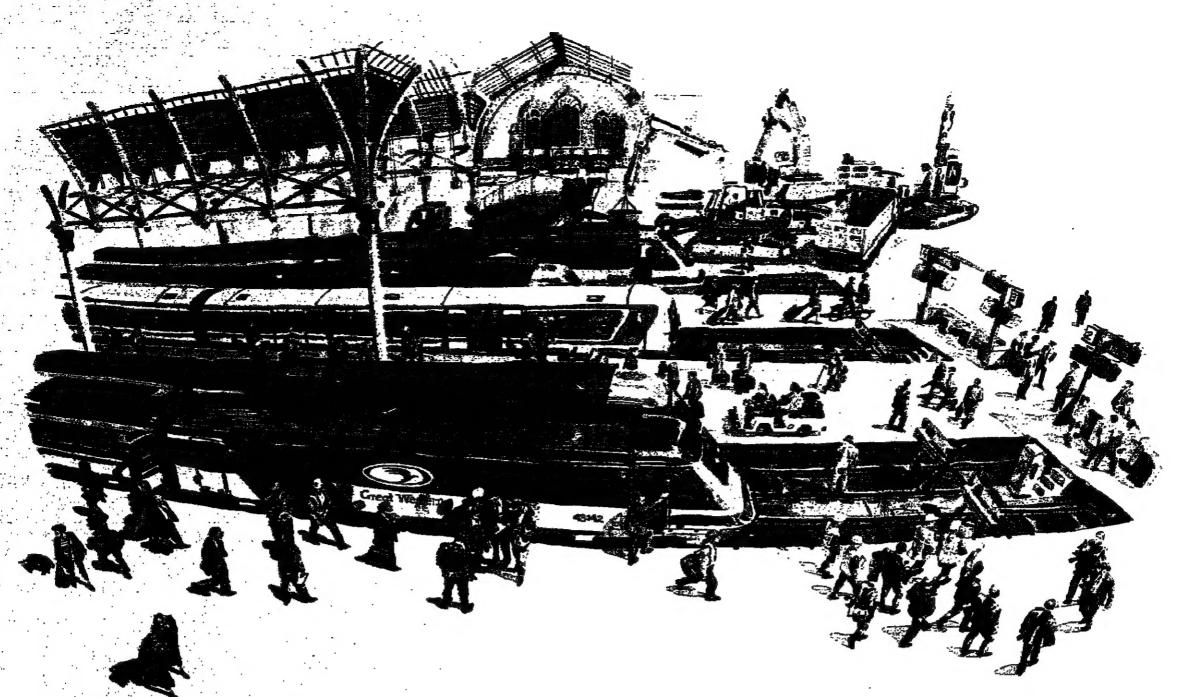
nt you are to him." Where Frank Field drops quite specific hints, the ju-nior DHS minister John Denham plays safe with the blandest generalities. mumbled yesterday in respose to inquiries about pensions policy, "of anyone receiving anything other than the right pension." Phewl Millions of senior citizens can sleep easy.

Ms Harman, meanwhile, has adopted a useful allpurpose answer to opposition spokesmen's attempts to pin her down after hints, dropped during the election campaign, of a more open-handed attitude to welfare benefits. "Work," she told her new Shadow, Iain Duncan-Smith, who had asked how she would help single mothers: what these people wanted was work, not benefits. Ms Harman makes those who harp on about benefits seem insensitive to the inner needs of the

word of advice, finally, to Malcolm Wicks (Lab, Croydon quandry facing pensioners who must choose between food and heating. As Mr Wicks put it, the "terrible judgment" of "whether to eat or heat their property sounded terrible indeed.







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**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

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asks for

more time The Standards and Privi-

will decide tonight wheth-

er to accept a request from

Neil Hamilton, the for-

mer minister, to delay

publication of Sir Gordon

Downey's report into the

gation. It is expected on Thursday or early next week, but Mr Hamilton

wants a chance to study its

Guns surrender

Shooters across Britain

are expected to surrender up to 160,000 legally-held

larger calibre pistols to police over the next three

months, starting today.

Ownership of larger handguns will be illegal after October I.

Festival reward

The organisers of the

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## 'Moonlight' major's kidnap drama

The story of a daring mission to seize a German general

s told in declassified SOE papers. Michael Evans reports

ECRET files released yesteray tell the full story of one of ne most dramatic incidents of ne Second World War, the pecial Operations Executive ussion to kidnap a German eneral in Crete.

The escapade was later arned into a feature film, Ill Aet by Moonlight, starring Dirk Bogarde. It was one of nany SOE operations in Albaiia, Bulgaria, Greece, Romaiia and Yugoslavia that nvolved derring-do by legend-

In a highly classified report, OE officer Major Paddy eigh-Fermor descibed leadng the team that captured General Heinrick Kreipe, divi-ional commander in Crete, in April 1944. Major Leigh-Permor, formerly of the Intellisence Corps, and Captain Billy" Moss, from the Loldstream Guards, were packed by seven Cretan igents. They later informed he German authorities that the general was in good hands and would be treated as "an honourable prisoner of war". The report was written in

the language of an officer who



Leigh-Fermor: drove through 22 roadblocks

kept his sense of humour, despite the appalling risks he and his team took. General Kreipe was commander of the 22nd Sebastopol (Bremen) Division. The SOE mission was to capture him and take him back to Britain.

Major Leigh-Fermor, who lives in Greece, described leaving for Heraklion dressed in a shepherd's costume to find the best ambush spot on the road

The plan was to seize the general under cover of darkness. They had arranged an elaborate system to warn of the approaching car. An agent called Elias, parked near the German HQ, signalled with "one torch flash" to a scout further down the road. His job was to set off an electric bell at the "half a kilometre of flex"

between the German division-

al HQ at Archanes and Knos-

sos. He found a location where

there was "a sharp twist in the

road" that would force any

vehicle to slow considerably.

On the night of the kidnap the general appeared at 9.30pm. Major Leigh-Fermor wrote: "Moss and I waved red lamps up and down and the car stopped and we walked towards the two doors, drawing our pistols." The SOE major opened the right door. waved his torch inside and saw the general sitting beside the chauffeur. "He was easily recognised by his tabs, medals

which was the signal for the final scout to flash his torch at

the SOE end.

While he was asking the general for his papers. Cap-tain Moss opened the other door, struck the driver hard with a life preserver, took him by the shoulders and threw him out to the waiting Cretans. Captain Moss then jumped into the driver's seat. Major Leigh-Fermor grabbed the general, handcuffed and bound him, and put him in the back of a car next to three Cretans with sub-machineguns and knives.

Major Leigh-Fermor says: "I put on the general's hat and



General Kreipe, played by Marius Goring in Ill Met by Moonlight, is helped by Patrick Leigh-Fermor (Dirk Bogarde, right) and Billy Moss (David Oxley) as they make their way over the mountains to be picked up by boat

who started up the engine and drove through 22 road blocks. ignoring sentries who tried to stop them. The general "volunteered his word of honour not to escape".

The SOE men left a sealed letter addressed to the German authorities in Crete announcing the general had been taken prisoner by British officers and that by the time

would be on his way to Cairo. When they abandoned the car. they left a British overcoat inside as corroborative detail. The letter to the German

authorities ended with the words Auf baldiges wiedersehen (Goodbye, see you soon). They added a PS: "We are very sorry to leave this motor car behind." The secret document, dated

May 16, 1944, recounts how

elaborate trek through the mountains to reach a beach in the south, where arrangements had been made by the SOE's Force 133 Unit for the Special Boat Service to pick

Major Leigh-Fermor was awarded the DSO and Captian Moss the Military Cross. A Foreign Office note attached to Major Leigh-Fermor's report said: "It is

Fermour wrote several highlyfilm was based.

After the war, Patrick Leigh-

The story, and many others, are are detailed in the 969

regarded travel books and three volumes of autobiography. But it was Billy Moss, who has died, who wrote the book on which the Michael Powell/Emeric Pressburger

declassified files released by the Public Record Office

#### school teachers. Ouiz returns

Radio 4 is to revive the 50year-old Round Britain Quiz. It came off the air last year after the death of one of its two chairmen, Gordon Clough, but will return in August with the news presenter Nick Clarke in the role.

Second thought One second was added to

clocks last night to con-ter the slowing of the Earth. The "leap second" was the twenty-first since 1972, when steps were taken to ensure atomic clocks sured by Earth's rotation.

## Diary entry, June 13, 1943: 'More plotting and conspiracy'

A DIARY by an SOE officer provides Halifax aircraft with three other SOE an extraordinary insight into the character and temperament of the men whose role in the Second World War was to carry out sabotage operations behind enemy lines and to support resistance movements.

Major David Smiley, who operated covertly in Albania, filled the diary with anecdotes and descriptions that belied the danger he and his fellow ufficers faced, first from the Italians and then the Germans.

On Saturday April 17, 1943, he wrote of leaving for Albania in a

officers, including Lieutenant Colonel Billy McLean. "Left 8.30pm, read Horse & Hound on the plane."

When they parachuted at between 2,000ft and 3,000ft, Major Smiley and Lieutenant Colonel McLean nearly collided on the way down. Major Smiley landed "very badly" and tore a muscle. His diary recorded: "Warmly greeted by a guerrilla with a beard who kissed me on both cheeks and lifted me up."

There are frequent references to food. At one location, they were given a "colossal" dinner. At a place called Polican, he and Lieutenant Colonel McLean went to a wedding "where Bill and I kissed firstly the priest,

secondly the Bible, thirdly the bride and fourthly the bridegroom. By May 17, 1943, Major Smiley was in civilian clothes "like a partisan, with the red star in my hat and giving the Communist salute to whomever I met". He wrote: "I considered this very infra-dig from an officer of His Majesty's Royal Horse Guards!"

His diary entry for June 13 reads: "More plotting and conspiracy." A

message came through the same day that a wireless operator was being sent to join him. But instead of dropping the man close by, he landed the equivalent of a three-week walk. away. By the time the operator arrived, he had lost most of his kit in a fight with the Italians "but lie still had

the wireless set".

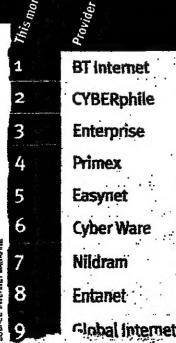
In between laying mines, ambushing enemy troop trucks, training the local partisans and befriending Enver Hoxha, their leader, Major Smiley had time to appreciate the countryside and a few leisure hours. On Thursfishing with gelignite but only got two very small trout."

On November 5, 1943, with Albania in the hands of German occupying forces after the capitulation of the Italians, Major Smiley wrote in his diary that Lieutenant Colonel McLean had been shown the graves of 65 Italian officers. They had been "brutally murdered by the Huns". The villagers who had to bury them said: Their hands had been tied and they had been machine-gunned and bayoneted to death."



Smiley: went fishing

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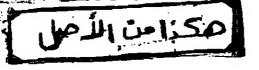
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## Irish Sea radioactive dumping exposed

■ Environmentalists are demanding an inquiry over waste secretly sunk over two decades in waters used by fishing vessels. Gillian Bowditch reports

THE Government admitted yesterday that radioactive waste was secretly dumped in a busy shipping channel in the Irish Sea in the 1950s and 1960s despite 13 years of official denials. The Government is being urged to hold a public inquiry into the way ministers, MPs and the public were misled.

The Scottish Office confirmed that two tonnes of "low to intermediate-level" radioactive waste were dumped in Beaufort's Dyke, between Scotland and Ireland, in metal drums encased in concrete. The news has angered environmentalists who for the past decade had been repeatedly assured that no radioactive waste was deposited.

Beaufort's Dyke, a 894ft trench, is already the subject of controversy after more than 4,000 phosphorous flares, dumped there in the wake of the Second World War, were

tonnes of munitions — including shells, bombs, landmines, grenades, and rockets - until 1973. Some of the munitions were dropped in shallow waters outside the designated

Yesterday the Scottish Office said there was no threat from the radioactive material. which, according to a spokes-woman, was well within safety guidelines. The Ministry of . bulk of it is believed to be glass Agriculture, Food and Fisher containers, iodine solution ies, which has been monitor and luminous paint used on ing the Beaufort's Dyke the dials of aircraft in-Channel, refused to comment ahead of a parliamentary

But MPs and environmentalists said they were deeply concerned at the news.

way and Upper Nithsdale, said: "I am horrified by these latest revelations. Three ferry routes cross the site. It is regularly used by fishing vessels and is close to a gas pipeline being built between Scotland and Northern Ireland. Yet, despite the safety, environmental and economic considerations at stake, successive British governments have behaved in an appailing and irresponsible fashion."

Richard Dixon, head of research for Friends of the Earth, said that the unstable material dumped in the area had to be brought to the surface and dealt with. "It is unbelievable that you can have two tonnes of radioactive waste sitting in the sea six miles off the coast and the Government claims not to know about it." A spokeswoman for the

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Scottish Office said that the government documents detailwashed up on Ayrshire, Clyde Amig the radioactive waste had and Argyll beaches in the past always been in the Public Records Office at Kew in west The site was a dump for London. When asked why hundreds of thousands of they had not been found they had not been found before, she replied. We weren't looking in the right place. We did not know they were there. Ministers did not deliberately mislead. They answered the questions in good

The waste is believed to have come from university laboratories and three companies, Babcock and Wilcox, Perranti and Luminisers. The

None of the waste is bequestion expected in the lieved to come from the mentalists are concerned that some of it has been ingested by plankton and then fish, and



## Admission fuels anger at Britain

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish reacted with fury to the British admission that radioactive material was dumped in the Irish Sea.

Politicians and anti-nuclear groups said the announcement confirmed their longheld belief that the British Government was not telling the truth about the nuclear Michael Woods, the Marine

Minister, expressed "deep concern" at the revelations. He demanded that full information be provided as firm assurances had been given in the past that no radioactive material had been dumped". in recent years the cam-

paign for action against the British nuclear industry and Sellafield in particular has grown. Four residents of Dundalk, on the East Coast, are trying to close down Sellafield by suing British

Nuclear Fuels for endangering the lives of Irish people.

James McGuill, solicitor for the four, said that yesterday's

disclosures would strengthen their case. He added: "The fact that this information has now emerged shows the deliberate suppression of information and misinformation carried

out for years in a very reckless

manner by the British authorities. It shows that you simply cannot trust the British Government and BNFL." John Gormley, one of the two Green Party MPs in the Dail, accused the British authorities of lying to the British and Irish people. He said: They have said that there was no real dumping

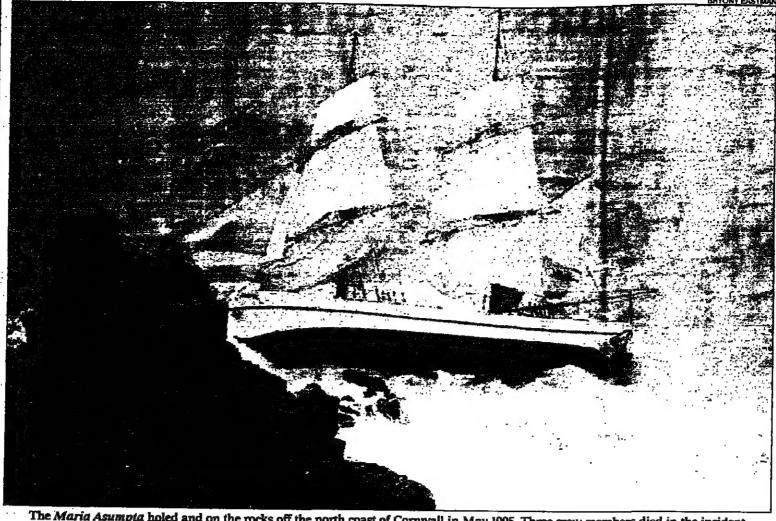
place except in the Atlantic

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The Maria Asumpta holed and on the rocks off the north coast of Cornwall in May 1995. Three crew members died in the incident

#### Tallship skipper on death charges

BY TIM JONES

THE owner and skipper of what is believed to have been the world's oldest working square-rigged sailing vessel went on trial yesterday charged with the manslaughter of three crew members.

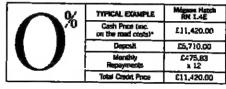
Mark Litchfield, 56, was among 11 survivors when the

137-year-old tallship Maria Asumpta was wrecked as it approached Padstow, off the north coast of Cornwall, in May 1995. He denies that his gross negligence was a sub-stantial cause of the deaths. Anne Taylor, 50, from Wallingford, Oxfordshire, Emily MacFarlane, 19, from Felixstowe, and John Shannon, 24, from Queensland, were lost in the incident. Mr Litchfield. from Boxley, Kent, pleaded not guilty to manslaughter at

an earlier hearing, Exeter Crown Court was told. The charge alleges that, as the ship's master and owner. he owed a duty of reasonable care to those who sailed on it. The trial continues

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## Failure in basic school lessons haunts adult underclass for life

LOW levels of literacy and numeracy have a damaging impact on almost every aspect of adult life, according to a survey published yesterday. which offers evidence of a developing underclass.

Tests and interviews with hundreds of people born in a single week in 1958 graphically illustrated the handicap of educational under-achieve-ment. The effects were seen in unemployment, family breakdown, low incomes, depression and social inactivity.

Those who left school at 16 with poor basic skills had been employed for up to four years less than good readers by the time they reached 37. Professor John Bynner, of City University, who carried out the research, said that today's unqualified reenagers would face even greater problems because the supply of manual jobs had dried up.
Almost one in five of the

1.700 people interviewed for esterday's report had poor eracy skills and almost half

Q. A neighbour gives you £2 for their shopping... How much change should you give them?

MEN ANSWERING WRONGLY WOMEN ANSWERING WRONGL'

proportion in line with other surveys for the Basic Skills Agency. Some could not read aloud from a child's book, and most found difficulty in following written instructions. Poor readers were twice as

likely to be on a low wage and four times as likely to live in a household where neither partner worked. Women in this position were five times as

Q. A newspaper advert for a concert... a. Where was the concert b. Who will play at the concert?

likely to be classified as de-

pressed, while both sexes tend-

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Those with low literacy and numeracy skills were seldom

involved in any community organisation and much less

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the sample was surveyed at Alan Wells, the agency's director, said: "The results emphasise the dangers we face of developing an underclass of excluded people, out of work, increasingly depressed and often labelled by themselves as failures. There is a vicious circle of marginalisagainst these people and their

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year-olds left primary school without reaching the expected level in English and mathe-matics. Mr Wells welcomed ministers' commitment to im proving basic skills. He said, however, that imaginative programmes were needed. possibly including incentives for participating, if the probadult population. Only 300,000 people out of

more than 5 million thought to have poor basic skills take remedial courses each year. Mr Wells said that a major catch-up initiative" would benefit society as well as the individuals concerned.

"It is not just that 20 per cent have been getting nothing out of education in the last five years, but maybe 50 years," he said. The long tail of underachievement is something we have always had.

The survey is part of the National Child Development Study, which has tracked 17,000 people at five-yearly intervals since 1958. The current study involved eight reading and nine mathematical tests of varying difficulty. They included the ability to use a Yellow Pages directory to find a plumber and calculating the floorspace of a room.

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Michael Hickey leaving court after admitting theft

## Bridgewater Four man is fined £200 for stealing ring

ONE of the men convicted of nearly two decades. When killing the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater stole a dia-mond ring while on bail awaiting the result of his appeal, a court was told yesterday.

Michael Hickey's crime was blamed on the extreme difficulty he had had coming to terms with his release from prison after 18 years. He was ined £200 at Birmingham Magistrates' Court, where he admitted theft. A charge of carrying an offensive weapon was dismissed after the prosecution offered no evalence.

Jim Nichol, solicitor for Hickey, 35, said: There is a sense of deep despair which pervades his life, where he often finds himself in tears." He trusted "precisely nobody" and the joy of his release in February, when he kissed the ground outside the Court of appeal, had not continued.

That looked good, but the reality is considerably different," Mr Nichol said. Hickey had, so far, declined offers of help, including one from John McCarthy, the former Beirut

you're in prison for something vou didn't do, every day is torture. And we have to remember he went in as a teenager and he's got to learn to be an adult.

ian plot

"He's just very sad at the moment. He did this to demonstrate that he's been thrown out without money. He didn't need to do it; he's got us, he's

The court was told that Hickey, of Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester, was shown an 18-carat solitaire ring at a jeweller's in Birmingham. He tried it on. then ran from the shop but was chased and caught.

Tony Baker, for the prosecution, said Hickey had been with a group of men who decided to go shoplifting on June 7. "He said he would have given the ring to the lads to sell for him, and they would have gone for a drink togeth-er." Hickey was ordered to pay £55 costs.

☐ In May the Court of Appeal reserved judgment on the appeal by Hickey and the two

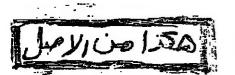
hostage, and had not signed on for social security benefit. After the hearing, Hickey's other surviving members of the Bridgewater Four. The High Court was told that the nother, Ann Whelan, said: appeal was likely to succeed. He has got enormous hurdles Carl Bridgewater was shot when he interrupted a bur-glary in 1978. in his way: he looked at life through mesh and bars for ScalpBloc – The Invisible Sun Hat SPECIALLY FORMEL ATER SO CHNYENIEKT TO USE - FOR MEN, WOMER AND CENLARGE Day long protection with just one application.
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## Darts stars let freedom go to their stomachs

Damian Whitworth on a bull's eye in the courts.

AT THREE minutes past 11 gued, had made them parialis, yesterday morning. The George pub across the Strand from the Royal Courts of Justice was full. It is not usually such a squeeze so soon after opening time but some of the world's top darts players. with their beer bellies and associated hangers-on, were out in force after hitting the bull's eye in a legal fight to be able to compete worldwide.

Fourteen players, including Eric "the crafty Cockney" Bristow, Dennis the menace" Priestley, "Big" Cliff
Lazarenko and their world
champion Phil Taylor, had
sued the British Darts Organ isation, claiming it had an unfair monopoly on events.

When they broke away from the BDO in 1993 and formed their own organisation, the World Darts Council, they were banned from all BDO

unable to earn a living from the game. After days of out-ofcourt negotiations; Andrew Hochhauser, QC, represent-ing the players, told Mr Justice Potts that a compromise had been reached for "peaceful co-existence".

The WDC dropped its claim for damages and changed its name to the Professional Darts Council. In return, both sides agreed that players could participate in all compe-titions, whoever ran them, and take part in exhibition matches and promote and endorse

darts products.

Eric Bristow, the former world champion and one of the best-known faces in the game, led the stampede to the pub afterwards. This is a great day for the sport of darts," he said, knocking back a pint of Guinness.

The BDO and the WDC have made their peace. For the first time in four years I am free to play darts in competitions all over the world. The dark days are over - that must be good news for everyone."

For example, he said, the lifting of the ban on PDC players meant that he could now take part in exhibition matches with amateur pub and club players who, as BDO members, had been barred from competing with him. This action was never

about money but about our freedom to play who we liked on a local or international level, and where we liked." The George did not have a darts board but the players

had taken their own. Bristow expressed a keenness to challenge his QC, Mr Hochhauser,

A chant of "Hochy on the went up but sadly the



Defying image-makers who tried to remove their pint glasses, from left, Peter Evison. Eric Bristow, Dennis Priestley and Phil Taylor

silk, who had apparently never played darts before, failed to materialise and it was left to more expansive girths to take up the challenge.

A PR man for the new PDC tried at one point to remove

hands of the players as they posed for photographers. It was not the right image any-

more, he murmured. He was very swiftly and clearly put in his place. What do you mean, we don't drink

any more?" Bristow asked.

Absent from the party was Olly Croft, general secretary of the BDO and the chief nower behind the organisation for many years.

Outside the court he said: "I

shame this was not done years ago. We tried for months to get meetings but nothing got resolved."

There will continue to be two world championships. Because of the time overlap,

participate in both. Mr Croft said: "There will still be two world championships but the on will be champion of half a

## Policeman is accused of sex and cash plot

A POLICE sergeant ran an extortion racket from a London police station, black-mailing prostitutes into giving him money and sex in a case that read like a bestseller, a

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court was told yesterday.
Linda Dobbs, for the prosecution, told Knightsbridge Crown Court: "This case is about sex, blackmail and corruption. You may think it has all the ingredients for a place. at the top of the fictional

She said that lan Vale 37. Shirley Campbell and a woman known only as Miss L. that he was powerful enough to pull strings with the vice squade in return for thousands of pounds, he could offer them protection from prosecution and police raids. In fact he had no such connections, Miss Dobbs said, and was responsible for police supervision of the Earls Court exhibition centre. He had eventually been trapped when police taped him threatening one of the women.

Sergeant Vale had singled out his first victim. Mrs Campbell, in March 1993 after

she was arrested at a house in Earls Court that neighbours

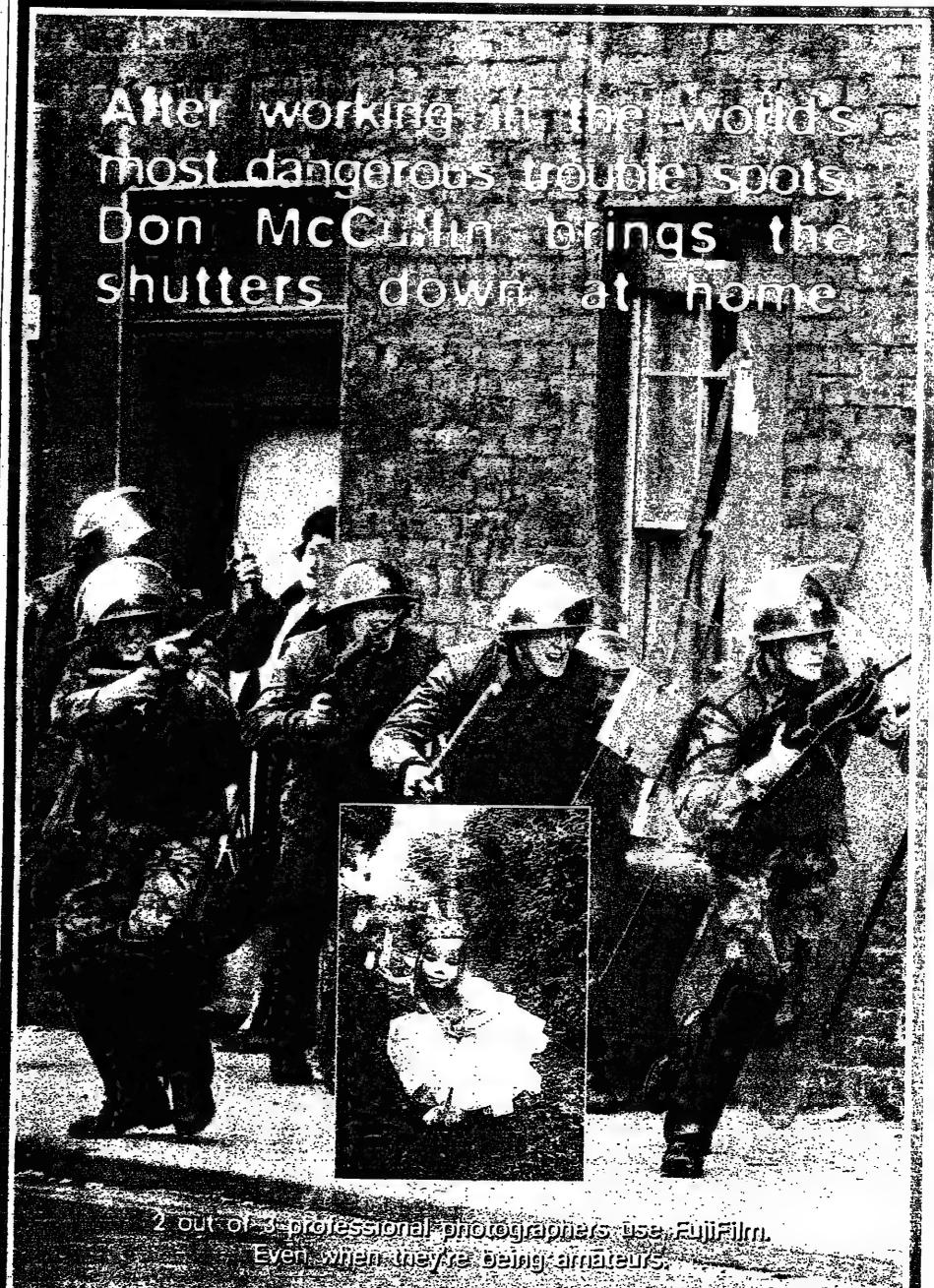
have treet Mrs Campbell to the new address and told her she would be prosecuted for running a brothel unless she with him. In June 1993, Mrs. the money in a room at Kensington police station.

In March 1994, Miss Dobbs said. Sergeant Vale had told his second victim, Miss L, that in return for £300 a month, he would ensure protection for her. She had called in the

had complained was being used as a brothel. After she was bailed, he had asked if she was interested in paying £1,000 a month and having regular sex with him as insurance against future raids. She had refused and Sergeant Vale had given her 48 hours to Miss Dobbs said. Sergment Vale was said to

Sergeant Vale, of Claygate,

Survey, denies eight charges involving blackmail, corrup-tion and the procurement of sexual intercourse by threats.
The trial continues.





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## Power station may be reopened to burn BSE cows

A REDUNDANT power station may be used to burn hundreds of thousands of tonnes of BSE-infected carcasses, turning them into elec-tricity, Jack Cunningham, the Minister of Agriculture, said that energy companies had wanted to charge exorbitant sums for the job.

Buying or leasing a power station would be a way of recouping some of the huge costs of the "scandalous" mismanagement by the previous Tory administration of the BSE crisis, he said.

Speaking after opening the annual Royal Agricultural Show at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, Dr Cunningham said that the companies' proposed charges had been "off the scale". "One of the alternatives I have asked should be examined is whether we, the ministry, should not acquire a redundant power station

Burger King Britain's second biggest burger chain, may follow Mc-Donald's in ending a 15becf. David Williams, the company's managing director for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. is to meet the Agriculture Minister this afternoon in discuss the situation.

Agency said that cattle waste could be burnt alongside coal in power stations with negligi-ble risk to public health. The chances of any person con-tracting CJD, the human equivalent of BSE, from exposure to power station emissions would be as low as one in 30,000 million, it said.

The Government is estimated to be spending more than £250,000 a week on storing 220,000 tonnes of meat and bone meal and (22,000 tonnes

country. Several thousand more tonnes are added every week. The waste comes from slaughtering 1.5 million cattle older than 30 months since May of last year.

Older animals are regarded as more likely to be harbouring BSE. The peak of the slaughter has passed, as most farms have got rid of their backlog of older animals. But about 15,000 cattle, mainly elderly dairy cows, are still being culled every week.

Jeff Rooker, the Food Safety

Minister, said there were sev-

eral redundant coal-fired power stations that might be available. "If the waste is burnt at 850 degrees centigrade, the resulting ash is safe and can be disposed of in landfill sites," he said. Earlier Sir David Naish, resident of the National Farmers' Union, said he was

outraged by the Government's

decision to cut farmers' com-

pensation for culling from

Joshua Quigley and his mother Zoey, who said the hospital failed to explain how his delivery had damaged his scalp

#### Hair-loss boy sues hospital over birth

By Frances Gibb

A BOY aged two has won legal aid to sue an NHS trust after his birth by a method of delivery known as ventouse extraction left him partially bald. Joshua Quigley of

Gloucestershire, can only grow tufts of hair on part of his scalp after it was scarred by the increasingly common technique. A ventouse cap, which acts like a sink plunger, was used by staff at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital to deliver

It is alleged that the process ripped a layer of skin, containing hair follides, from Joshua's head. Specialists have said it may never be possible for him to grow hair.
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## Synod urged to put prayer before politics

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England's task of synod is to wait on parliament should pray more . God," the report says. "We and stop trying to ape the antics of MPs, according to a

review published yesterday. The review, chaired by Lord Bridge of Harwich, concludes that the General Synod is confrontational and divisive. It says that the members should pause for prayer regularly during debates and abandon procedures that mirror Westminster, such as the call of "Divide" before votes

are taken. Such precedures give a mis-leading impression that Church government is about democracy, which it is not, the report says. Lord Bridge also recommends that the synod be reduced in size by about one third, to make it more cost-

The synod, like the Com-mons elected for a five-year term, opens with a service at Westminster Abbey attended by the Queen. The triannual debates normally begin with prayers and there is a tenminute act of worship at the start of each day.

There have been occasional unscheduled pauses for pray-er, such as before the final approval of the ordination of vomen in November 1992.

"Such pauses, which need not only precede voting, serve as a reminder that the shared

believe that prayer and spirituality should be a thread running through the whole life of the synod."

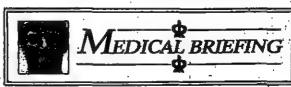
The report suggests that the interest group system, which mirrors the party system in Parliament, heightens the scope for dissension at the synod. "There is nothing inherently un-Christian about deciding matters by vote, although the irony of the legal adviser heralding the General "Synod's moment of decision with the instruction to 'divide' has not escaped us." It is suggested that when a vote is taken, it would be more approurged to "Vote".

The recommendations will be debated by the synod and are unlikely to be introduced before 2005 if accepted.

The Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Roy Williamson, is to retire at the end of the year. The bishop, who has had heart problems, will leave just after his 65th birthday.

Previously Bishop of Bradford, he is from the evangelical wing of the Church. He moved to Southwark in 1991 and was at the centre of controversy over the cathedral's decision to host a service for the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement

## Into the future with new heart



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE 71-year-old man who has become Britain's oldest heart transplant patient has been discharged from Harefield Hospital and is already fit enough to attend out-

When Professor Christiaan Barnard performed the first heart transplant in 1969 he chose an elderly man with. severe heart failure. The procedure was experimental but since the patient had little chance of surviving more than a week without surgery he seemed ideal.

Now, with pressure on scarce surgical resources. younger people with a potentially longer litespan and usually heavier family commitments would seem the more suitable patients.

Heart transplantation has become so efficient that it is an accepted treatment for some cases in which the heart is in gross failure. By operating a very strict selection system based on the patient's general health and by achieving good crossmatching, about 90 per cent of patients who have a heart transplant survive for at least a year and 70 per cent are at enough to return to work

Donor hearts are taken

from younger people and

since they have to be in optimal condition, are in even shorter supply than other organs for transplantation. The recipient needs to be fit, apart from his heart disease. and in particular needs to be free of lung troubles and have well-functioning kidneys

The scarcity of donor hearts means it is unlikely that many people of 71 satisfy the criteria. The Harefield pensioner was lucky because he was the only person on the hospital's transplant waiting list who had the same rare tissue as the donor. Even after discharge from

hospital the patient's troubles are not over. The coronary blood vessels in a transplanted heart suffer from accelerated ageing, graft atherosclerosis, which in a quarter of cases can cause serious complications.

As with all transplants there is the danger of rejection. The drugs used to suppress rejection also suppress the body's immune system so the patient becomes susceptible to infection and malignant disease.

The transplanted helpt will enable the patient whatever bis or her age, to return to a lifestyle enjoyed before be abming all; but it will not restore wanshed youth to air

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## Customs cracks £65m drug connection

Stewart Tendler reports on a gang of criminals whose cocaine and cannabis smuggling stretched through Gibraltar to South America

THE longest surveillance operation ever mounted by British Customs finally broke cover yesterday. As 13 people faced sentence after a series of trails, a legal black-out ended for the details of the 18-month investigation codenamed Stealer, which netted cocaine worth £57 million, cannabis worth another 68 million, and leading members of the south London underworld.

The smugglers' drug ring operated on three continents and bought them a luxury lifestyle including a convertible Mercedes and a £40,000 yacht, A senior investigator said: "Stealer has shown that we can get at the main players, not just the middle men and their associates. By acting on the evidence we can take out the big boys as well."

The gang behind the ring included Anthony White, acquitted 13 years ago of taking part in the £26 million Brink's-Mat bullion robbery. He could now face life imprisonment.

Yesterday a court order banning reporting on a series of inter-linked cases over the past two years was lifted, Seven defendents will be sentenced at the end of this week at Bristol Crown Court, and another six next week. Overall, Stealer was responsible for 44 arrests and six trials in

Britain, Spain and France. Launched in 1993, Operation Stealer targeted the south London underworld which Customs officers believed played a big role in illegal drug supplies. A team of up to 30 officers began long-term



Caught by Customs' longest surveillance: above, Togher, left, and White. Below, Doran and Short



and his lieutenant, John Short. They also watched Brian Doran, a criminal from Glasgow, when he returned from Colombia near the end of 1993 to make arrangements to smuggle in major consignments. He worked from linury London hotels, including the exclusive Lanesborough



and was joined by fellow Scot Kenneth Togher. Customs officers were

watching as the ring leaders met in clubs, pubs, London Zoo and the Tate Gallery. In September 1993, Togher's luggage was secretly searched while he was in transit between London and Glasgow;

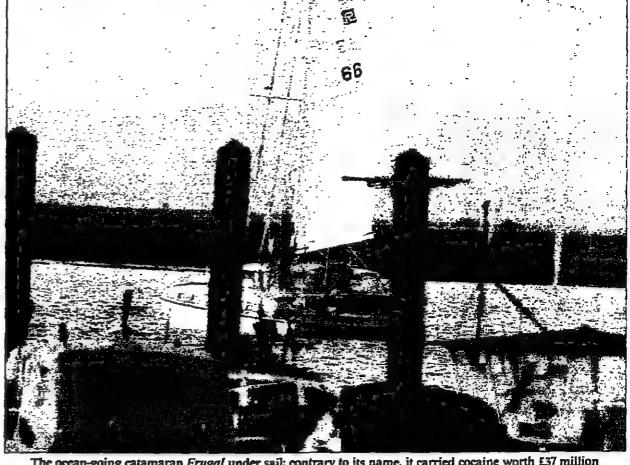
cases. In a secret visit to Doran's room at the Lanesborough, officers found £10,000 and photographed personal documents, including bank transfers to Colom-

bia involving false names. The first arrests came in February 1994 after one of the gang was trailed to Madrid. Spanish authorities found 35 kg of cocaine in luggage and 100 kg of cannabis resin in air conditioning ducts.

In September, Customs officers followed a VW camper van that White had bought. It was driven to Dover and taken across the Channel. In France the number plates were put on another camper that had arrived in France from Spain. That camper was loaded with drink to give the appearance of returning from a "booze run". When the camper arrived in Dover, Customs officers found 22 kg of cocaine con-cealed under a false floor.

Customs investigators were also watching as a lorry that had travelled from Gibraliar via Portsmouth was driven into the Fleet services on the M3. Investigators moved in as the spare tyre was being manhandled and found cannabis worth £250,000 hidden

Later that day White was arrested in southeast London. His mobile telephone showed he was controlling operations and revealed calls linked to the Dover and Portsmouth drugcontinued, a British pilot who took off from Stapleford Ab-



The ocean-going catamaran Frugal under sail: contrary to its name, it carried cocaine worth £37 million

an airfield near Dieppe. Police seized 500 kg of cannabis in a

Early in 1995 the oceangoing catamaran Frugal was tracked as it sailed into Pevensey Bay, East Sussex. carrying a cargo of Colombian which was off-loaded. Six plastic-wrapped bundles

weighing a total of 309 kg were found on the beach. Those convicted in the trials

included White, Short, Doran, and Togher. Madeleine Mullin, a one-time actress who once had a bit part in the Scottish detective series Taggart and who later married Togher, was acquimed of

OPERATION STEALER 22 kg of cocaine seized rom VW campe VW campe which was 309 kg of FRANCE caing seized fro the beach after 500 kg of cannabis seized in BAY OF en route from BISCAY nearby camp site. MEDITERRANEAN SEA

## London robbers graduated to narcotics

Two were armed robbers who had followed a trend among leading London criminals to graduate into the drugs world.

Anthony White had been accused in 1984 of taking part in the 526 million Brink's Mat gold bullion robbery at Heathrow, Airport Although he was acquitted at the Old nobbery. Whise was living in a Bailey, two years ago loss adjustors - council flat on benefit. acting for the insurers took White to the High Court and won a ruling that; homes, refurbished one house at a he had committed the robbery.

Mr Justice Rimmer decided that

only that they were not satisfied that he was guilty according to criminal standards of proof.

The judge said that White was a "dishonest man with an appelling criminal record" who had come into substantial wealth after his acquittal. At the time of the Brink's-Mat

He later spent £219,000 on new cost of £200,000 and bought a villa in

LEADERS of the drugs network the jurors at his Old Bailey trial were back £26 million plus £2 million in were well-known to investigators, satisfied that he was innocent but compensation and his wife, Margaret, was ordered to pay back another El million.

But lawyers for the loss adjustors knew they had won an empty victory. White was under arrest as part of Operation Stealer and all his assets. had been frozen. There was no sign of the millions and the lawvers are still trying to find what happened to.

Once part of the network of heavweight armed robbers operating from southeast London, White graduated like other top criminals into the White's acquittal did not mean that The judge ordered. White to pay drugs world. In 1993 he was acquit- 1982 after being accused of smug- bearer bond worth £1.6 million.

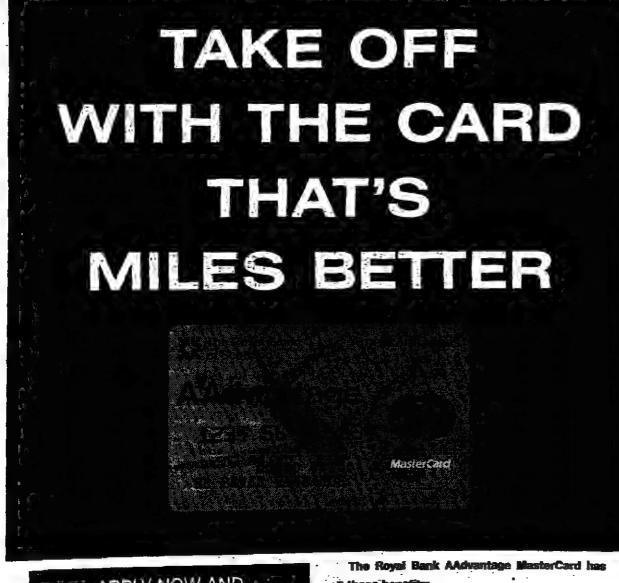
ted of being involved in cannabis smuggling. Customs officers in Operation Stealer were sure that he was still at work as financier and fixer behind drugs deals.

His right-hand man, John Short. was another armed robber who also turned to drugs. Now 58, he was iailed in 1978 for holding up a bank in west London. He was also the centre of investigations over the supply of ponies for the American sport of

Both relied on Brian Doran, 52. who once ran a travel agency in Glasgow. He fled from Scotland in

gling cocaine, and set up a bar in Marbella. In Spain he was linked to a plot to smuggle cannabis worth E3 million from Morocco to Britain. A ton of drugs was found ready packed hidden in a vilia on the Costa del Sol. Doran fled to Holland but was eventually sent back to Scotland where he was jailed on passport offences.

Eventually he went to live in Colombia and left there in 1993. He had connections among South American cartels to provide drugs, and money was no object. When he was arrested. Doran was carrying a



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Hillsborough disaster

## Straw asks senior judge to study new evidence

By RICHARD FORD AND FRANCES GIBB

A SENIOR judge will investithe new evidence put forward. gate new video and medical but Dame Barbara Mills, the evidence on the Hillsborough Director of Public Prosecufootball ground disaster, the tions, felt that the material would not justify a fresh criminal investigation, "None-Jack Straw told MPs that theless. I am acutely conscious that the families of those who Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, a Lord Justice of the Court of died at Hillsborough and many others, including Mem-Appeal, would study the mate-

rial to see whether another bers of this House, are very public inquiry was needed. Mr Straw said: "I hope that concerned that unresolved is-sues remain," he said. this examination will enable Lord Justice Stuart-Smith us to establish conclusively 69. has been a Court of Appeal judge since 1988 and before whether or not material evidence about the causes of the that was a High Court judge Hillsborough disaster has for seven years. He is respectbeen overlooked." ed for his willingness to listen Families of those who died to both sides.

ty-six Liverpool fans died from

Sheffield Wednesday ground

for their team's FA Cup semi-

camera trained on the

earlier inquiries, he was deter-

mined to go as far as he could

in ensuring that no matter of

significance was overlooked.

We owe it to everyone touched by the tragedy, but

above all to the families of

those who died, to get to the

bottom of this matter once and

General and the Crown Prose-

cution Service had looked at

Mr Straw said the Attorney-

Mr Straw said that, despite

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in the 1989 disaster welcomed He is best known as the judge chosen in 1989 to be M15's first watchdog, monitor-Hicks, chairman of the Hillsborough Families Sup-port Group, said: "We are ing bugging warrants issued by the Home Secretary and slightly cautious but we greet examining complaints. At the today with a great deal of satisfaction. We feel we are time he said that his job was crucial because he would be moving in the right direction." representing the public, who The families have lobbied had "no insight into what is for a new inquiry on the basis going on", but in his first of new video and medical report he dismissed all complaints against MI5.

The new Hillsborough evievidence challenging the

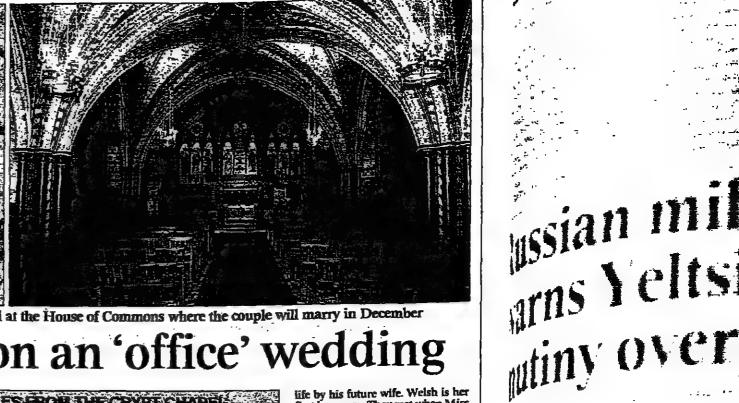
police version of events. Ninedence he will be examining is said not to have been available injuries suffered in the crush as supporters poured into the to Lord Justice Taylor's original inquiry or to the prosecuting or disciplinary authorities. final against Nottingham For-He will work in private and est. The new evidence is said to hopes to start preliminary work on the case this month. include a videotape taken from a closed-circuit television

Richard Wells, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, said he welcomed the review but emphasised that his force still believed that nothing new had come to light since the Taylor inquiry and the inquests.

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William Hague and his fiancée Ffion Jenkins and the Crypt Chapel at the House of Commons where the couple will marry in December

## Hague has decided on an 'office' wedding

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CONNESSION DENT

WILLIAM HAGUE and Pfion Jenkins announced the date yesterday for the political union of the year, which will take place in an historic chapel at the House of Commons. The marital vows will be read in English and Welsh at the traditional ceremony on December 19.

The couple, who have been toether since October, have told friends that they will try for children within a year of the wedding. Mr Hague. 36, would be the first Conservative leader this century to have a young family. They will definitely have children. I think they will wait a while but not very long."

The glossy celebrity magazine Hello! has already launched a bid couple on their wedding day. However, Mr Hague is unlikely to agree. despite the prospect of a fat fee and endless publicity. The majority of marriages featured in the magazine have ended in the divorce courts. The couple decided on the date

even before he made his mind up to enter the Tory leadership contest but there was little romance involved in the naming of the day, which was announced 24 hours after press reports that they had begun living together in Mr Hague's London flat.

It was the only date that fitted in with Mr Hague's hectic Parliamen-

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

TALES FROM THE CRYPT CHAREL

The Crypt Chapel, known formally as the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, has been used as a stable, a coal cellar and the Speaker's dining room. It dates from 1292 and was one of the few parts of the Palace of Westminster to survive the fire of 1834 almost unscathed. During res-

was out of the question: it would have clashed with the local elections in May, which will be Mr Hague's first big test as Tory leader.

Invitations will be highly prized among ambitious Tory MPs but most will be disappointed. Mr Hague has chosen a friend outside toration in the 1860s, the remains of William Lyndwoode, Bishop of St David's and Keeper of the Privy Seal, were found embalmed in the north wall. In 1911, the suffragette Emily Davison hid in the chapel for 48 hours to record her address in the census as the House of Commons.

the world of politics as his best man: godfather to Mr Levy's only child.

Nick Levy, a solicitor in Brussels. Mr Hague was his best man and is Preparations for the wedding have been under way for some time. Mr Hague is being taught his lines

life by his future wife. Welsh is her first language. They met when Miss Jenkins, 29, was Mr Hague's private secretary when he was Welsh Secretary. Romance blossomed on a wall overlooking a mountain range in North Wales as she taught him the Welsh national anthem.

The service will be conducted jointly by the Speaker's chaplain and a Welsh Methodist minister. The reception will be held in the State Rooms of the Speaker's House, followed by a wedding breakfast in the MPs dining room. The guest list will be limited to 140. The next day a party will be held at Miss Jenkins' family home near Cardiff in Wales. They will also celebrate with a party in Mr

## What Patten's critics are inclined to forget

myths of the era of obalisation is that national governments no longer matter. The markets and multinational companies rule. leaving individual states largely powerless and irrelevant. This was always exaggerated. but last night's understandably emotional end of empire in Hong Kong demonstrates why good government, or rather governance, matters. By governance, I mean methods of governing and adminis-

tration. Chris Patten's main

contribution as the final Gov-

ernor for the past five years has been to underline the links

between political and econom-

government even in such a

free market economy as Hong

Kong. Politicians often confuse the size of government and good governance. The two are distinct, and, indeed, often incompatible. States with huge public sectors, as in the old Soviet bloc or in some developing countries today, are also often the most corrupt, where decisions are based on bribes and croneyism. It is possible, as in Hong Kong, to have a low share of public spending in national income and low taxes, and still to have high of Rights and a tough anticorruption commission as well

as an elected legislature. By coi neidence, the World Bank last week included in its World Development Report a study of the role of the state. It highlighted five functions that governments, rather than markets and private bodies, must provide: a basic legal framework, an effective macro-economic environment, investment in basic social services-and infrastructure, a comprehensive saftey net for vulnerable members of society and basic environmental protection. Contrary to past thinking, the report argued that governments cannot them-

selves produce growth, but they must provide the right institutional framework to create the confidence necessary for successful markets. That has been the key in East Asia and it is why more than four fifths of the world's largest banks have branches in Hong

Globalisation, the report argued, "is a threat to weak or capriciously governed states. But it opens the way for effective, disciplined states to foster development and economic-well-being." The appli-cation of predictable rules and policies - what the report described as "state credibility" - is vital, not least to attract Asia. By contrast, "poor state investment and growth and undermines development, as in much of Eastern Europe, parts of Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa.

The lesson is that govern-ments must increase state capability by having effective rules and restraints that act as a check on public authorities and prevent corruption. Civil servants should be appointed on merit rather than patronage, while governments should try to decentralise power and increase popular participation in decision-making.

This is precisely what the British legacy in Hong Kong has been — a framework of that has

British and expatriate businessmen who criticised the former Governor's attempt to build up democratic institu-tions. They failed to realise that, in the long term, a free enterprise system is inextricademocracy. The strength of civil society in Hong Kong will now be tested. It is not just what happens to the elected members of the former legislative council; as important is the rule of law and the absence of corruption. Hong Kong shows why good government still matters.

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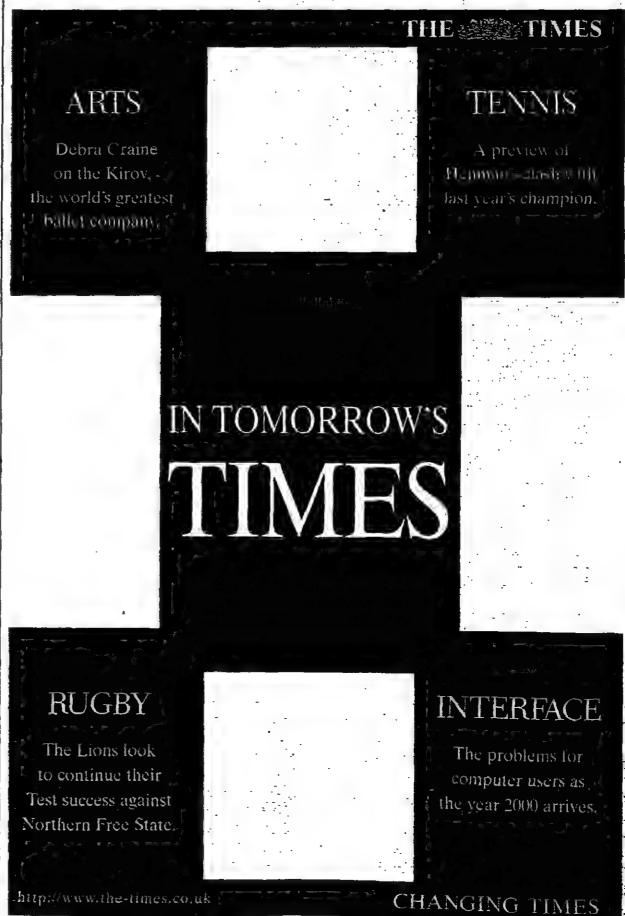
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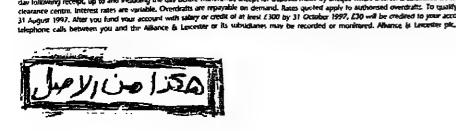
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THE Russian military establishment has given President Yeltsin a warning that he faces the first mutiny in the armed forces for nearly two centuries if he goes ahead with unpopular reforms to slash the number of men in uniform. Threatened with the loss of

600.000 troops under plans currently being drawn up by General Igor Sergeyev, the newly-appointed Defence Minister, several retired gen-erals have urged serving officers to "take the matter into their own hands".

The issue came to the surface last week when General Lev Rokhlin, a popular former combat officer who now heads the parliamentary defence committee, issued a damning seven-page open letter to Mr Yeltsin blaming him for the destruction of the armed

General Rokhlin, who commanded Russian troops during the bloody capture of Grozny, the Chechen capital, before running for parliament in a pro-Yeltsin faction, said he had been forced to act to prevent the collapse of the armed forces

You looled the nation and the military, failing to fulfil your pre-election promises. said General Rokhlin, whose outburst may cost him his position in the Our Home is Russia faction. "You have destined the armed forces to

In the letter, General Rokhlin predicted that if the military was weakened any. further, Russia would like control of the Far East and Siberia in the next century life said Russia's Brone as a nuclear power was also under threat, and blamed Mr Yeltsin personally for the disastronic military campaign in Chechnya. By far his most inflamma.

tory remarks were addressed to serving officers. He advised them to mobilise and issue the

objective of the Corporation.

Euro emerges as bargaining chip in haggling over EU expansion and the budget battle comes on sistance from Spain and other failure at Amsterdam to reform ened Helmut Kohl, under heavy July 16 when the Brussels Commission issues its verdict on the membership credentials of ten eastern European states and Cyprus and Turkey, all far poorer than any of the existing 15. Entry negotiations with a first wave

must start by the end of the year.

Poland, the Czech Republic.

Hungary and Cyprus are likely to
be called first to the table, with the possibility of Estonia and Slovenia joining them. The approach of new members is intensifying re-

southern states against any deal that cuts their own supply of generous EU regional subsidies. French, German and British farmers fear for their farm aid and the smaller EU states are fighting a rearguard battle to preserve their voting power in a much-enlarged union. A new EU budget machine must be ready in

The EU could do without a twoyear wrangle over the two funds that dominate its spending. The

the EU decision-making machincry for enlargement has only added to the malaise as the 15 stagger forward in the long march towards monetary union.

Over the past month, the monetary picture has tumbled out of its old frame as the new French Socialist Government has thrown out the rule book prescribed by the Germans and abandoned the strict budget test, set out at Maastricht, for launching the euro. At the same time, a weak-

domestic pressure, is wavering in his own crusade for the single currency and a deeper union.

A Brussels axiom holds that without monetary union, the big continental states will refuse to accept new members into a bigger EU. While all pay lip service to the imperative of "bringing the new democracies into the European family", they are worried that without the binding force of the curo, the EU would turn into a big free-trading area of the type

The crossover between the euro and a bigger union is emerging as Spain has begun signalling that it could block spending reform and enlargement without a guarantee of membership of the single currency. The first curn members

are to be picked next May. The consensus still holds that so much political capital is invested in the scheme that monetary union will go ahead on schedule on January 1, 1999. Jean-Claude Juncker, 42, the Christian Demo-

desired by British Conservatives, crat Prime Minister of Luxembourg, who takes over the presifrom the Dutch today, insists that delay would spell catastrophe.

To help things along. Mr Juncker is suggesting a scheme that would fix the exchange rates of national currencies to the euro. A test for Mr Juncker, whose tiny country is the only EU member to pass the Maastricht monetary test is a special Luxembourg summit in the autumn which could shape the late of the euro.

Secularist

coalition

takes over

in Turkey

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL THE first Islamist Prime Min-

ister of Turkey, Necmettin Erbakan, went back into op-

position yesterday and the

military returned to its bar-

racks after President Demirel

approved a new coalition led

by Mesut Yilmaz, the Mother-

land Party leader.
Announcing his Cabinet.

Mr Yilmaz said his new

secularist Government was

proof that the country could

solve its problems through

democracy and parliament".

He was referring to the threat

of military intervention after

chiefs of staff issued an ulti-

matum to the previous Gov-

ernment that it cease to

encourage the drift towards

Mr Erbakan quit on June 18

but was hoping to keep his Welfare Party in office by transferring his job to his coalition partner, Tansu Ciller, of the True Path Party.

This tactic was frustrated

when President Demirel chose

Mr Yilmaz to form the next

While the new administration is bound to reassure the

military, it remains debatable

whether it can provide a long-

term solution to the nation's

chronic political instability.

Many see one of its first tasks

is to amending the electoral

system of proportional repre-

sentation. A system of trans-

ferable votes, some analysts

believe, would neuter the Wel-

fare Party, which came first in

a December 1995 election de-

spite receiving fewer than 22

radical Islam.

Government

## Russian military warns Yeltsin of mutiny over cuts

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCORY

Kremlin with demands. "Unite, elect your leaders and demand that your legitimate rights be exercised," he said. "Do not hope that someone else will do this for you. Our unity in resisting the disintegration of the army is the guarantee of our success." .

Not surprisingly, the comments sent a chill through the Kremhn. Although there has not been a military insurrection since the Decembrist uprising of 1825, the present lamentable state of the armed forces could provide a fertile ground for mutiny.

General Sergeyev, whose plans to reduce the armed forces from 1.8 million to 1.2 million must be completed by July 25, on Sunday denounced the letter as incitement "to

"We now have to choose between a large but insufficiently capable army, or a



Boris Yeltsie's daughter Tatyana Dyachenko, 37, above, long seen as the power behind the Russian throne, has been officially appointed as an adviser to ber father (Robin Lodge writes). She is to be respon-sible for advising the President on his image. For the past year she has held virtual control over access to her father, angering ad-visers and political rivals.

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army," he said, defending his plans, which propose radical measures such as merging the army and navy . "I think the choice is clear.

tablishment has yet to be persuaded. Most commentators believe that General Rokhlin was prompted to take action at the behest of powerful senior officers in the military, who may be among the first to be sacked under the reform plan.

Top figures in politics and the military have been eager to line up alongside General Rokhlin. He has won the backing of General Aleksandr Lebed, the former paratrooper and presidential candidate, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader, and leading - communists, like Viktor Ilyukhin, the chairman of the parliamentary security

"Rokhlin is right, the army is going to pieces," General Lebed said. "This is clear even to those who are far from the army. It is clear that the Commander-in-Chief (Yehsin) is not competent."

Although in the past there has been talk of rebellion in the armed forces, there is so far no evidence of any serious conspiracy, despite unpaid wages, low morale; and a sharp rise in the number of suicides among both soldiers ind officers.

Nevertheless, the Kremlin cannot afford to be complacent after the rabble-rousing re-marks by General Rokhlin.

Promise to paye Viktor Chemomyrdin, the Prime Minister, vowed to press ahead with military reform. He told military academy graduates at a Kremlin cere mony that he had been in-structed by President Yeltsin to pay all debts to the forces over the next two months. He did not say where the money was coming from.



Hikers in Navacerrada, near Madrid, braving a stiff breeze and freezing winds yesterday in freak conditions

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUIT

Fraud trial

defendant

blames

bankers

GERMANY'S "construction king", Jürgen Schneider, who gone on trial accused of multimillion-pound credit fraud, looks determined to drag down with him some of the country's most reputable banks and credit institutes.

in an emotional speech at the start of his trial in Frankfurt yesterday, he blamed his former creditors for the collapse of Germany's biggest property development empire with the loss of thousands of jobs. "They decided, in a spectacular manner, to criminalise me and place the burden of guilt singularly and exclusively on my shoulders." Herr Schneider told the financial capital's Superior Court.

In a surprise statement, Dieter Haike, the chief prose-cutor, also indicated that the banks involved, including Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest, must share responsi-bility for the bankruptcy of

Herr Schneider's company. Herr Schneider, 63, specialised in inner-city development, favouring grand old buildings, and was one of the first to cash in on the construction boom caused by the fall of the Berlin Wall.

When he and his wife, Claudia, suddenly fled Ger-many in April 1994 after the company was forced into bankruptcy, they left debts of around £2 billion to more than 1,600 creditors, including banks, building suppliers and sub-contractors. The couple remained at large for 13 months. Herr Schneider faces a maximum 15-year sentence if found guilty.



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## Berisha concedes election defeat Le Pen woos the

### Albanian Socialist says victory will help curb militias

PRESIDENT Berisha of Albania yesterday accepted his Democratic Party's overwhelming defeat by its Social-Nano looks certain to become the new head of state.

Mr Berisha, looking tired and drawn, made a brief appearance on state television yesterday afternoon. He asked his supporters to "treat the people's verdict with courage and dignity". Observers from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe deemed Sunday's general elec-"adequate and acceptable.

There were no scenes of rejoicing on the streets of bearded and studious academic, appealed to his party not to inflame an already tense situation. From Mr Berisha's presidential guard came the uminous sound of heavy

Whether Mr Berisha will resign is unclear. Linda Isani. his personal assistant, said he would only consider doing so once the results - which she said the Socialists had exaggerated - had been finalised. "He's very tired," she said. "But he's in perfect shape.

He's very strong."
The monarchists, fighting for the restoration of the House of Zog, also accused Mr Nano of overestimating referendum on the monarchy. which ran parallel to the election, would prove that 60 per cent of Albanians wanted a former arms dealer to be-come King Leka Zog I. Mr Nano said that while the monarchists had done well in their traditional powerbases. such as Shkodra in the north, they would receive no more than 20 per cent support

Mr Nano said the extent of his victory would ensure the steady disarming of the southern gangs. "With international assistance we can eliminate them," he said.

Overall, Mr Nano said the Socialists controlled as many as 73 seats out of 115 elected by majority vote, with an extra 22 possible through a proportion-al system in the 155-seat Albanian parliament.

The coming days will deter-mine whether Mr Berisha's Democrats and the militias behind them will accept their defeat. Heavily armed thugs lingered outside party headquarters yesterday, where a spokesman said: The Democratic Party cannot be held responsible for any incidents involving foreigners. People are angry and they are blaming the defeat on foreign

The OSCE can breathe a sigh of relief that the elections



Albanian gang members in the southern town of Vlore yesterday celebrate the Socialists' election victory

close to the Democrats in Fier, where an election official was shot dead on Sunday, were trying to prevent ballot boxes also embarrassing but reliable reports of OSCE observers in more gangland violence in Vlore trying their hand at firing Kalashnikovs supplied to them by the gangster Sultan

There was another death in

Viore, and a lucky escape for a Greek television team from the Anetenne channel, one of

burn marks on his arm. Two other Greek journalists held hostage further south in Sarander were rescued by a Romanian armoured person-

## Gaullist Right in secret talks

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE Gaullists were plunged into fresh disarray yesterday after reports that Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the far-right National Front, has been secretly wining and dining se-nior figures from the van-quished centre-right coalition

France's mainstream political parties have hitherto rejected any contact with M Le Pen, and the alleged meetings have raised suspicions that right-wing Gaullists may be seeking an alliance with the increasingly powerful National Front

On June 16, two weeks after the Centre Right was savaged at the polls and ousted from government, M Le Pen dined at a quiet restaurant in the 15th Arrondissement of Paris with Jean-François Mancel, former Secretary-General of the Gaullist RPR party, and Robert Pandraud, Gaullist MP and president of the RPR Paris group, according to Le

A spokesman for the Front initially maintained that no such meeting had taken place, but on Sunday M Le Pen admitted having had "an agreeable dinner" with M Pandraud. He denied that M Mancel, a close ally of Alain Juppe, the former Prime Min-ister, had been present.

According to sources cited by Le Monde, the National Front leader also dined re-cently with Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former President, a key figure within the centre-right alliance. M GIscard denied the report. M Le Pen declined to comment.

M Le Pen's deputy, Bruno Megret, has repeatedly called for an alliance between the efeated coalition and the Front, which gained 15 per cent of the vote in the first round of the election.

"The secret dinner" showed that "certain leaders and. opposition MPs have apparently decided to open a dia-logue with the National Front," Le Parisien reported.

Other senior Gaullists ex-

of joining forces with M Le Pen's xenophobic nationalists. Jean-Louis Debre, the former Interior Minister who replaced M Mancel as Secretary-General after the party's defeat, immediately called for the RPR to clarify its attitude towards the Front. "The National Front holds views which are not those of the Gaullists. The movement's leaders must debate this subject, and reach a clear position," M Debré

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Renaud Muselier, another Gaullist MP insisted yesterday that an accommodation with the National Front was

M. Pandraud, who Security Minister from 1986 to 1988, added fuel to the row by saying he was in favour of "low-level" discussions with the Front. "If there were personal or private discussions, why not?" M Pandraud demanded. There are no memies, only opponents." M Le Pen said that his

dinner with M Pandraud had been attended by their wives and another National Front official. He added: "Everyone knows M Pandraud benefitted from National Front support during the elections, and this ensured his victory." He claimed to have dined in the past with other top figures on the political Right, but de-

dined to give names. "Le Pen is dining out so much at the moment, he's going to have to go on a dlet." one anonymous politician told Le Monde.

□ Jobless blow: Unemploy-

ment in France has surged again to reach a new record high. Last month, the number of jobless rose by 32,400, or i.l per cent, marking "the biggest monthly increase since October 1993", according to the Employment Ministry.

The large increase comes after two months during which unemployment fell marginally. About 3.1 million

## President detained in Bosnian Serb power struggle

By MICHAEL BINYON

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

IN AN intensifying tussle for power that could sabotage the Dayton peace accords, hardliners in the government of the Bosnian Serb entity arrested Biliana Playsic, the presiin Birmingham at the weekend, but office in Banja Luka.

She was detained near Bijeljina in the northeast of the Bostuan Serb territory on her return. She had cut short her visit to Britain to deal with a growing political crisis. Earlier, she had tried to sack Dragan Kijac, the hardline interior minister, who remains loyal to Radovan Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader forced to give up power by international pressure after being indicted for war crimes. Mr Kijac had dismissed a major in charge of an anti-terrorist police battalion amid suspicions that the interior ministry was attempting

to sabotage a crackdown on organised crime.

Her arrest appeared to be the culmination of an attempt by hardliners to oust her after her failure to dismiss Mr Kijac. She spent two days at a conference on Serb unity, but cut short a meeting yesterday with Tony Lloyd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. Yesterday she was reportedly allowed to leave for her office under Nato protection. Last night she accused Dr Karadzic of attempting a "coup".

Britain expressed concern about her arrest which appeared to signal an attempt by Dr Karadzic to

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#### **WORLD IN BRIEF**

#### Bus bomb explosion kills 20 in Pakistan

Karachi: A bomb blew up a packed passenger bus in Pakistan's eastern province of Punjab yesterday, killing at least 20 people (Zahid Hussain writes). The device was planted under a seat of the bus which carried 80 passengers, some riding on the roof. The incident occurred in Sialkot district close to the Indian border. Rescue workers said the bus caught fire and many of the victims were trapped. Fifty people were wounded and some were in a critical condition last night. There have been several recent attacks related to a feud between militant Shiite Muslims and Sunni Muslims.

#### Killer weed threatens Riviera

Rome: A virulent toxic seaweed is spreading along the Riviera coast, posing a threat to humans and marine life, scientists say. The seaweed, Caulerpa taxifolia, has been dubbed "the Aids of the sea" by the Italian and French press (Richard Owen writes). The tropical alga, whose fronds are dangerous to bathers and deadly to many varieties of underwater plant, has spread from Toulon and St Tropez to San Remo. Alassic and Genca.

#### Disabled Uday 'shot guard'



Nicosia: Six months after surviving an assassination attempt, Uday, left, the elder son of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, remains unable to walk, is sexually impotent and more volatile that ever, according to Iraqi dissidents (Michael Theodoulou writes). Uday, 33. recently shot and wounded one of his guards during an outburst, the opposi-tion Iraqi National Congress said. When he left hospital last month on crutches, one Iraqi businessman in Jordan said, "he looked pathetic."

#### Outback hunting ban urged

Brisbane: Only Aborigines should be allowed to hunt Australian animals such as kangaroos, goannas and dugongs and should use traditional weapons like spears, conservationists told a parliamentary inquiry into the commercial use of native animals. Lorraine and Geoff Conley said hunting should not be permitted with guns and four-wheel-drive vehicles. (AP)

#### Fast food for zoo elephants

Bangkok: A shortage of elephant food has prompted researchers to delevelop a substitute. Dusit Zoo has been feeding its elephants IIb tablets of concentrated sugar cane, corn, molasses, vitamins and minerals for several months. "We have a problem with people destroying jungles," the zoo's director said. (AP)

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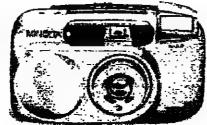
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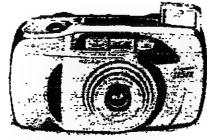
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## Trooper's story dents sex claim against Clinton

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

bring sexual harassment arges against President inton with the revelation at Arkansas state troopers d about President Clinton's tual habits in order to strike rrative book deals. Ronald Anderson, a trooper

10 guarded Mr Clinton ien he was Governor of kansas, says he conmed" stories about Mr Clinn's repeated infidelity even ough he knew they were itrue or had no first-hand idence to support them, cording to The New Yorker. In a four-page article, the agazine gives weight to the ory that some kind of sexuly-charged encounter took nace between Ms lones and e Governor in an Arkansas itel room, but casts doubt on niral parts of her case from

veral new angles. The New Yorker's most staring piece of evidence is a 1994 fidavit provided by Mr Anerson to Mr Clinton's lawas, in which he admits that discussing a potential book eal with other troopers, he proborated anecdotes withat any basis. While the fidavit does not discredit all ie stories, he does say that any were nothing more an old fish tales with little, if ny, basis in fact".

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ULA JONES has received a preme Court victory in win-started loitering by the Goverirtling blow to her attempt ning permission to bring ber case against Mr Clinton without delay. She claims that he infringed her civil rights by sending a trooper to take her to his room in the Excelsion Hotel and then asking her for oral sex.

The trial would cause Mr Clinton huge embarrassment if it proceeded, but judging by opinion polls, real political damage might be slight. However, there is now speculation that both sides will reach a settlement without the President admitting blame - a point almost reached in 1994. As The New Yorker records the past few weeks have also seen a shift in the highlypoliticised swirl of rumours in the President's favour.

Among new twists poten-tially helpful to Mr Clinton, the magazine cites two women who contradict accounts that Ms Jones was upset after the encounter with Mr Clinton, which forms a central part of her case. A colleague of Ms Jones at the Arkansas Industrial Development Corporation described her "bubbly enthusiasm" at having met Mr Clinton

The switchboard operator at the Governor's office said that Ms Jones told her in a "happy and excited manner" that a trooper had arranged for her The revisions by Mr Ander- to meet Mr Clinton in his hotel on follow Ms Jones's Su- room, and that Ms Jones nor's office, checking his car parking space to see if he was in, and asking troopers to tell her his whereabouts.

Washington commentators were also taken aback last week when Stuart Taylor, the author of a much-quoted article last November in The American Lawyer which argued that Ms Jones's case was strong, modified his arguments in the Legal Times under the heading "New dis-closures could cloud Jones" credibility.

The New Yorker also notes

the new disillusionment of one of Ms Jones's junior lawyers, Daniel Traylor, who resigned from her case last week. Mr Traylor, an attorney specialising in property sales. was the first lawyer she hired. but was soon out of his depth. The magazine says that before her remaining lawyers told him not to comment, he confided that it may have been a mistake for him to take the

that she accepted \$1,000 (£600) from the conservative, religious producer of an anti-Clinton video called The Clinton Chronicles. Mr Traylor told The New Yorker that the payment "soured me on the Joneses. I didn't want anything to do with that trash. These people were now on the

He was particularly upset



Chances Peak has been active for months. Its latest eruption has claimed 23 lives

## Rescuers fear final blow of island volcano

FROM TOM RHODES IN PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT

from the spewing crater of Montserrat's volcano, Clifford Farrell looked skyward to the flow of lava crashing through acres of vegetation on the small British colony.

That's nothing to what she can do." said Mr Farrell, a fireman trawling the evacuated areas of this Caribbean island for human life. "If she really blows, then we're all dead. It would take less than a minute for the flow to reach this point now."

The native Montserratian has spent days recovering bodies from the worst cruption since Chances Peak became active again two years ago. Its belching gas and molten rock claimed the lives of at least 23 people last week.

The first human casualties in living memory have left a deep impression on the six search and rescue teams and provoked the most tangible atmosphere of fear for the 6.000 islanders who remain cordoned in Montserrat's northern region.

Inside the unsafe zone. there is only devastation. Plymouth, the once thriving capital, is coated in ash so thick that driving through its empty streets is like braving a Saharan sandstorm. Face masks are required to avoid lung damage from inhaling the pervasive sulphur fames.

Only the animals remain. Dogs, cats, goats and cows scurry through the ghost town in search of scant food, Closer to the volcano, many

STANDING less than a mile have already died, swathed in 30ft of ash. In a small hut in the evacuated Belham Valley.

William Murrain is packing his bags. Now 51, he has lived on the small plot of land for 45 years and has already once been ordered to leave. The rescue team knows

that he has not moved out because the verandah has been swept of ash. "I know it's a time bomb waiting to go off but I don't want to move he said. "I have lived here all my life and the people in the shelters are drunk all the time. We can't be expected to live like that."

He is one of many islanders who want the British Government to resolve the present crisis fast. The shelters have been long overfilled, rape and teenage pregnancy are rife, and local authorities say that at least 600 new houses must be built if the island is to sustain its

population. Baroness Symons, the Foreign Office Minister, was coming under increasing pressure to offer further financial support during her visit to Montserrat yesterday. Frank Savage, the island's Governor, has given warnings that a mass exodus could soon make the colony unsustainable.

☐ London: Britain promised yesterday to do all that it could to keep Montserrat viable and confirmed that new aid of E6.8 million was

## Fresh bomb plot inquiry opens in Oklahoma

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A NEW investigation opened yester-day into persistent claims that the Oklahoma City bombing involved a arger conspiracy than has so for

A grand jury was empanelled thanks to public support for two men who have a profound mistrust of the official account for which Timothy McVeigh has been seems and his former friend, Terry Nichols, will stand rial in September of the white supremacist discussing attacks Oklahoma legislature, and Gleno on federal buildings.

grandsons in the bombing, are convinced that additional plotters were involved and despite vehement denials, that federal agents had prior knowledge of the attack in which 168 died, 19 of them children.

A key witness is expected to be Carol Howe, a former informant on a shadowy network of white supremacists for the government's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. She is handlers before the bombing that she

to call Miss Howe at McVeigh's trial. but the judge ruled that her testimony was irrelevant. Even Mr Jones concedes that no specific threats or plots can be found in documents relating to Miss Howe, who is awaiting trial on charges related to another bomb

The grand jury, sitting in secret, is also expected to focus on seven witnesses who have said they saw at least one other person with McVeigh in Oklahoma City on the day a huge lorry bomb shattered the federal

Federal authorities now say they

although they did indict McVeigh and Mr Nichols on charges of plotting with "others unknown

Mr Key and Mr Wilburn, acting against the wishes of the district attorney and Oklahoma's attorney general, collected 13,500 signatures on a petition calling for the grand jury investigation. Under Oklahoma law, that was sufficient to override official

A foundation of bereaved families and survivors will today announce the winning design for a monument on the city-centre site of the bombed

## Oyster Bar gutted by fire

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE famed Oyster Bar at New York's Grand Central Station, which serves 1.8 million oysters to harried tourists and commuters every year. has been gutted by a fire started by an overheated refrigerator.

Nine firefighters and four passers-by suffered minor injuries when the blaze engulfed the restaurant, with its huge marble counters and vaulted tile ceilings, in the bowels of

New York's main railway station. Two hundred new chairs in the main bar were destroyed and the dining room and saloon suffered smoke and water damage before dawn on Sunday.

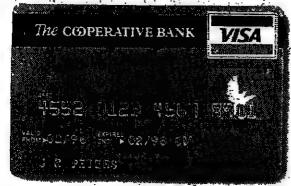
Mark Abramson, the general manager, said the restaurant would reopen after repairs in two weeks. "It's not

as bad as it looks," he said. The owners began renting the 27,000 sq ft space when the Beaux Arts railway station opened in 1913, although the restaurant existed on nearby

42nd Street before then. Tourists flock to the "whispering gallery", just outside the restaurant entrance. A whisper in one corner can be heard clearly in the other corners of the cavernous hall.

Zagat's restaurant guide describes the Oyster Bar as a "huge, bustling Grand Central landmark that's every-thing it should be, with fabulous fresh fish, unbeatable pan roasts, outstanding oysters, wonderful white wines, and classic old New York ambience."

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## Living with Alzheimer's

How do you cope when your parent becomes a child? Alida Baxter and Gillian Thomas describe their experiences



Gillian Thomas and her mother. Lilian: "It is sad to realise that we can no longer have a sensible conversation. But you just have to get on with it"

#### --- CARING AT HOME ----

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me to say she had flooded her in her own home in Birmingham for five years after the death of my father, but with increasing difficulty as Alzheimer's disease

and and three children in their 20s - we when she could no longer cope.

and by that stage she was unable to take any decisions for herself. So we brought her down to London, Moving her into our do. I felt it would have been traumatic for her suddenly to be in

among people she knows. If, on that fateful evening, we had thought about how long we might have to go on looking after too daunting. Disturbed nights

and wet beds, repetitive questions and, worst of all, never having the house to ourselves came as a shock. But we managed to see the funny side, too: one day, I found her chatting to herself in front of a mirror—"I don't know who that lady is but she keeps talking to me."

The worst time is the evening, when she is at her most disturbed and disturbing. Just when would be nice to relax in front of the television or read the paper, we get a constant barrage of "Where am I!" "Where are you, Gillian?" and "I want to go home".

No matter how much we try to talk to her, the droning repetition goes on and on, have to put her to bed.

Five years on, we have come to terms with what caring entails and I cannot be grateful

enough for my husband's tolerance. Naturally, he has less reason than me to look after her, yet he does so equally well.

The main burden is being so tied. Fortunately. I work from home as a freelance journalist. So caring has not involved having to give up my job. She can also safely be left alone for an hour or two as she has never wandered. In fact now, aged 90, she scarcely even tries to get out of her chair by herself.

But as she cannot be left alone overnight, impromptu getaways are a thing of the past. Any holidays have to be planned carefully and arrangements made to look after her. Impromptu

At first I had a desperate feeling of being trapped. Suddenly we were more restricted than we had ever been; even when the children were small, my parents had always been such willing babysitters.

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Fortunately our GP soon arranged for regular "respite" in a special unit at the local hospital -two weeks every three months. We could not survive without it. The children are willing sitters, too, but I prefer not to impinge on their social life too often and hope that they will never begin to regard their grandmother as a

People often ask if I find it distressing to see her getting more and more confused. Of course I hate having lost my lively mother and it is sad to realise that we can no longer have a sensible conversation. But you just have to get on with it. Naturally there are times when her slowness and stupidity are so irritating that I feel like hitting her. But actually I only shout. Overall I suppose we are lucky that she expresses her frustration and worry in words and has never become violent. And even if she's no longer sure who I am, I believe she still senses my familiarity and love. Surely this

nust be a comfort to her.

GILLIAN THOMAS

nightmares is that they can recur. When my aunt died, in her eighties, she'd been suffering from dementia for years. She'd trotted around after us, saying: "I love you. I love you." She'd lost her false teeth, her hearing-aid, her slippers. She'd had to be undressed, taken to the bathroom, put to bed as though she were a baby; and she was just as exhausting, and adorable, as

any baby can be. But through

it all, my mother had been the

strong one, and sharing an

invalid with her had seemed

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he worst thing about

#### THE NIGHTMARE THAT RECURRED.

ly home we had to keep going somehow: we never thought we'd manage, but, thanks to

her strength, we did. So I didn't want to believe it. when the nightmare recurred. After my aunt's death. my mother had looked frail. And above all, as time went by, deeply afraid. Her anxiety was more than grieving. One evening, she telephoned me and broke down. Every night when I try to write my diary. I can't do it." she sobbed. can't remember the days. I

Stress, I told her: I should have seen it coming. She'd battled on despite her age: she'd coped with it all. This was a passing reaction — but whatever I said, in my heart I was terrified. For years, I'd listened to my aunt weeping that she'd lost her memory, that everything would be all right if only she could have her memory back. "Not again." I

'Please, not again." I dealt with psychologists and geriatricians, and a social worker gave me a paperback

said to myself, sweating.

on Alzheimer's disease. As the medication increased, so did the side-effects. We'd rush through the night in an ambulance, and I'd stand by a casualty department trolley, so practised in the terminology that I'd be asked if I was a

Nurses were staples in our lives now, and like doctors they could provide heaven or hell. In a rehabilitation ward. I saw a nurse get patients to play board games; they were illuminated, their expressions changed, and I went home full

> was the only con-The only place she was safe was at home, but I had to find someone to sit

changed, so did the attitudes:

some refused to permit such a

practice. "There's too much

talking," rapped a sister. "And

I'm not having it." Two days

later, a fresh sister imported

another ward's patients to join

a tea party "because they're all

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with her while I dashed out. One afternoon, she was radiant. The sitter showed what they'd been doing: writing a letter. I picked it up. and my insides turned over. She'd been writ-

ing to her lost sister. I've missed you, I can't have had an address for you, or I'd have written before iril be marvellous when you're home, I can't wait to see you."

The sitter was dreadfully apset when she found me hiding in the kitchen: she hadn't realised. But I was crying because I was glad. They'd loved each other so much that forgetting her sister was dead had made my mother incredibly happy. I didn't want her to remer

Alone, I sorted out handfuls of drugs, showered and bedbathed her, dressed and undressed her, answered and explained, helped her to walk, and during hot months talked into the night and sponged her with cologne at 2 or 3am. "Ummm," she'd murmur, lovely." The round was interspersed with the harsh lights of casualty — horrific fevers, a thrombosis — and bouts of respite care that were no

a back injury. ( rang the geriatric hospital where she was supposedly being looked after and my mother answered the telephone. It was evening, and there were no nurses to be found. During the same stay, she was attacked and knocked down by a male mental patient. The charge nurse was superb, but at night he was the only person respon-sible for two wings; yet I was told the place wasn't considered understaffed.

in another hospital, I spoke to a doctor because if I missed an hour she wasn't given her medication. He pleaded with me not to complain "because we can't get nurses here, this is geriatric". He said it as though geriatric wards were leper colonies: small wonder his staff weren't motivated.

Yet in pockets there were fantastic teams, nurses who rubbed my mother's hands with lavender oil, who cared for her tenderly, and support-ed us both. And I'd watch as

wards closed, and precious teams like that were split up. But by now my mother wasn't safe at home either. Iliness followed illness, and, half-blind with exhaustion, I'd juggle drugs and hope, and there'd be the ambulance and casualty's lights again.
For years, I'd fought every

offer of long-term care. But she needed more than one person. She was taken into a geriatric

It only took a couple of weeks. She fell not on soft carpets, but on the cement floor of a lavatory where she'd been left. As an inquiry estab-lished later, she'd but the falls hadn't

rays and a scaffold-

ing of metal. And when she died, she was saying my name. Geriatric care isn't glautorous, but it can be as poignant and rewarding as the care of a child. We've all been children. and we'll all become old. We may have Alzheimer's disease or some other dementia. We'll need kindness and love - not understaffed wards, or leper colonies. More than anything else, my mother adored hugs and kisses. She deserved better, and I hope that one day

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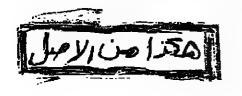
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## Be warned: bridge is addictive and leads to strange behaviour

Once the province of the blue-rinse brigade, bridge is growing increasingly fashionable. Susanna Gross reports

bridge. I might as well have told them I was considering a blue rinse. Bridge was a game to take up in your old age, something to keep boredom ar bay. But over the past few years a curious change has taken place. Those same people are ringing up and asking me where they can learn bridge. The game, it seems, is back in fashion. And in a big way: Harold Pinter, Lady Antonia Fraser, Charles Saatchi, the theatre impresario Michael White, the fashion guru Isaac Mizrahi - these are just some of the devotees.

But be warned: bridge is seriously addictive and can lead to some strange behaviour. Take the friends who invited me to their Somerset cottage to play for the night — their wedding night, to be precise. After the reception, we returned to their home. The bride, still in her wedding dress, rushed upstairs to slip into something more comfortable, and came straight down to the dridge table, where the groom was fumbling to undo a new pack of

cards. We played until dawn. Or take my holiday with several other bridge players on a beautiful Swedish island last summer. We arrived, unpacked, freshened up, admired the glorious new from the balcony — and headed indoors to cut for partners. We did little else but play for three days. On the

t wasn't so long ago that people gave me pitying looks when I told them I played to go out. So we loaded our bridge table onto a little hired boat and sailed off to the middle of a bay. sailed off to the middle of a bay. There, we found a rock about the size of a large drawing room and resumed play.

It's hard to explain what makes bridge quite so compulsive. It's partly because you can never stop improving: partly because, unlike chess, chance plays a crucial role as well as skill; partly because there are ample opportunities for showing off - and three people, not just one, to congratulate you. In addition, having a partner lends the game a curious intimacy. Communication is all important, which is why an entire language of bridge has evolved. There are, for example, the names given to various manoeuvres: a "squeeze" is an advanced play, but there are endless refinements — the suicide squeeze, the criss-cross squeeze, the non-simultaneous double-squeeze.

But what I enjoy above all are the insights bridge gives you to a person's character. You can learn more about someone during an evening's play than you ever could over dinner. The wild optimist, the timid underbidder, the player with imagination - all is revealed. The man you thought so urbane and charming turns out to blame all his mistakes on his partner, the one you thought pompous has an en-

dearing habit of blaming himself. It is impossible, however, to grasp the game's appeal until you



The author and Ed Victor have discovered "the antisocial thrill of sitting down with people you've never met before and asking 'Do you play weak or strong no-trump?' "

example, was more against the idea of bridge than Ed Victor, the literary agent, whom I met two years ago. When he told me his wife played. I asked if he was tempted to earn. He gave me a horrified look. "Absolutely not," he said. He didn't have time for that sort of thing.

year later I met him again. Somehow he had a softer, warmer glow about him. "Guess what?" he said. "I love bridge." His wife, it transpired, had given him a course of lessons for his birthday. Or rather, she had asked her bridge teacher to spring a surprise visit at their country retreat. Ed had spent the day shut up in a room with a grandmaster. When he finally emergd, he was a changed man. Now, he no longer greets me with "Hello" or "How are you?" but bursts straight into his latest game: You know what happened the

honours, but we ended up playing in a 4-2 spade fit ..."

This, then, is the world of social bridge. But there is also the strange world of club bridge. I first walked into a bridge club about four years ago. It seemed so much easier than organising three people for a game: here was bridge on tap, six nights a week. In a smoke-filled basement, table after table was laid out. Around each table sat an assortment of people — pinstriped City types to dishevelled dropouts, bouffant ladies to gawky youths — all united in a love of bridge.

They were playing what is known as duplicate bridge. This is a competition: you and your partner play every pair in the room. The cards are pre-dealt, so everyone ends up playing the same hands. At the end, the scores are compared. The standard was incomparably higher than anything I was used to. My friends and I had thought we

found myself being described as a beginner. "But I've been playing for five years!" I eventually confided to a kindly grandmaster. "Mmm," he replied. "Exactly who with?"

A whole new world of bridge had opened up. Here I was, with people who seemed to do little but think, talk and play the game. Gone was the gossipy table-talk I had previously indulged in with friends. Instead, I had to learn to use "bidding boxes" (which prevent people at the next table from overhearing you). And there was no question of my mistakes being laughed off. Instead, opponents would immediately call for the "tournament director", who would come over clutching the International Laws of Contract Bridge and

reading out its decrees. Most social bridge players don't go to bridge clubs, and don't want But once my terror had subsided, I developed a taste for this

the unfriendliness of the game: the antisocial thrill of sitting down to play against two people you've never met before and simply asking: "Do you play weak or strong

espite its genteel image. bridge can be a very macho game. As soon as I was comfortable playing duplicate bridge, I ventured into the world of rubber bridge clubs, where people play for stakes. Before long I had the experience of sneaking off to a club at midnight and promptly losing a day's earnings. Unlike duplicate, at rubber bridge you cut for new partners after each session. Although most people are reasonable. certain players are very rude. "Cut me in. boys." they say as they swagger in. Then they roll up their

sleeves, lean back, puff on their

cigars, and lose no time in making

do that for? Jesus! Haven't you played this game before?" Why would I want to play with such people? Because I love the

game enough to put up with it. After all, the only way to improve is to play with people who are better than you. And no sport is gentle at the top. Perhaps one day I'll be good enough to play in the so-called big game" at TGR Bridge Club. on London's Bayswater Road. Here, in a discreet basement, the world's top players, including the flamboyant Zia Mahmood (the most famous of today's stars) and Bob Hammam (ranked No i) flock to play for the highest stakes in Europe. A punter is not even allowed to join in unless he can lay down a £15,000 deposit - because that's how much he could lose in a few hours.

But, except at this level, money doesn't really come into it. The great majority of games are played for tiny stakes or none at all, and

ike Tyson's despicable and demeaning display on Sat-urday is a tragedy for all the young people for whom boxers are an inspiring role model. His barbaric behaviour not only gives the wrong signal to the world about boxing, it offers kids who look up to

boxers a worrying example.
Childhood influences shape our lives. The most hauming memory of my early years was when, aged eight, I was excluded from my school for fighting. I don't doubt that I was aggressive, disruptive and totally uninterested in learning - but I am very much aware that the school's action could have resulted in me becoming permanently alienated

It was that memory which prompted me to try to do something to help kids who find themselves in a similar situation today. I have been where they are now and I remember how it feels. I was lucky in that my talent for boxing was eventually recognised, and the very thing that provoked my exclusion from school became my salvation. But as I began to achieve success, I became more

Boxer Lennox Lewis deplores the behaviour of Mike Tyson

## The kids that I try to help

aware of the fact that learn-ing is the key to a fulfilled life. Kids who find it difficult to function within the conventional education system are regarded as a threat to the rest of society.

· I wondered if it would be possible to create a place of learning that would be acceptable to the kind of kids who had found themselves outside conventional education. At present, there are: few routes open to them. Most end up in Pupil Refer-

ral Units doing classes for a couple of hours a day. Many of the PRUs carry a terrible stigma with them. At the Lennox Lewis College - which opened its doors to 60 pupils in 1995 - we aim to remove that stigma. The



Skills: Lennox sits in on a lesson at the college

only criteria for acceptance is the will to change. We can't perform miracles and we cannot teach those who really do not want to be taught. Some of the students have been disruptive. many have become caught up in the

criminal justice system and a proportion are in care. The transformation that occurs within a couple of months is amazing. Of course drawing these kids back into fulltime education is not easy. We have to build up their confidence by using a number of incentives. But by taking a genuine interest in each student, we can effect a remarkable change.

More conventional schools talk about teaching the three Rs - writing. reading and arithmetic. In order to do that we first have to teach the fourth R — respect. I try hard personally to reinforce that message when I drop in to the college. If I find that a pupil isn't paying attention I'll

say to him: "Hey, listen, man, you need to know this." I use the respect they have for me to inspire respect in their education.

Obviously the level of care and expertise we offer is not cheap. It costs around £12,000 a year to keep a student at this college and currently almost all those funds are being met from my own income. When I set up the college. I did so because I believed passionately in the idea of rehabilitation through education, but I do worry about how long I will be able to

carry the burden on my own. Recently. I met a student's mother. She told me what a difference her son's acceptance at the school had made to her life. It struck me quite dramatically that it might have been my own mother and the student might have been me. Being able to give that boy another chance of achieving a proper education gives me enormous satisfaction. Not because it could have been me, but because it was me.

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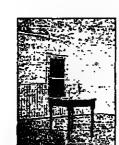
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PARIS GALLERIES: Richard Cork on the Pompidou Centre's stunning tribute to the worlds of Fernand Léger

## The bold mechanics of Légerdemain

diers play cards with the grim concentration of generals planning a ferocious campaign. Their metal-plated bodies gleam like robots, and the pipes Jutting from their mouths send out pulls of gunsmoke. Although the composition has echoes of Cezanne's stolid card-players, these men are far more sinister than

Provençal peasants. Fernand Leger was convalescing from prolonged war service when he painted this impressive canvas in 1917. Drained by his frontline experience in the engi-

neering corps, the 36-year-old artist 6 Léger had just been discharged from hoshad a nital. The injured and shell-shocked formidable parients he saw there confirmed appetite for his way belief that the battle strategy 20th-century "is just as horrible as economic warurban life 🤊 fare in peacetime. The only differ-

ence is that the result is pushed a little bit further: instead of ruining a chap, you kill him."

But Leger, like his trio of card-clutching combatants. was a survivor. From the outset of his superbly installed retrospective at the Pompidou Centre in Paris. he establishes himself as a tough-minded, resolute individual. Although he shared an early love of Cézanne with other Cubist artists, his prewar pictures already define a singular vision. The monumental nudes lumbering through a forest in Leger's first ambitious canvas may belong to a primordial world. But the harsh angularity of their faceted bodies, no less than the metallic trees and vegetation, belong to the machine age as much as to

Lèger had a formidable appetite for 20th-century urban life, and his Cubist work often focuses on clanking figures whose bulky bodies move through their austere surroundings with unstoppable energy. Leger seems to be commenting on the ruthless impersonality of modern, bigcity existence, and his shiny blue and red figures resemble automata. But their structure also derives from a purist determination to strip his pictorial language of everything

except line, colour and form at their most simplified. These roughly summarised bodies painting they are identified as dancers from the Russian

At this stage in his magisterial progress, Léger saw every-thing in terms of dynamically contrasted volumes, and in his most abstract works they clash against each other like an uneasy prophecy of the war to come. Active service proved a turning point. By the time he painted The Card Game. Leger had decided to pull back from abstraction. Looking back on the war years, he

recalled being "dazzled by an open gun breech magic of light on white metal ... Once I had bitten into that reality. the object never left me." He relished the solidity of the machine world, and it may seem surprising that Leger made

But he also respected the flatness of his picture-surface. Even a powerful 1918 painting called The Circus Acrobats resists the temptation to let figures plunge through space. Leger pushes them hard against the picture plane and. instead of savouring their exuberant agility, he turns them into helmeted embodiments of the war years.

What gives this image its outstanding dynamism. though, is Leger's mastery of colour contrasts. The picture is broken up into a patchwork of crisply juxtaposed segments. and their precision is awesome. Before the war. Leger's handling often looked cursory, as if he had no time for ingratiating brushwork. Now. however, everything is organised with exactitude and aspires to a smooth, almost in-

dustrialised finish. As if to celebrate his return to a mercifully intact Paris after the devastation of the killing fields, he produced some ambitious paintings of urban life. Gigantic coloured discs pulsate in some of them, recalling the work of his old friend Robert Delaunay. But Leger's vision was harder, less bound up with purely optical sensation. His discs are firmly lodged in the rectilinear geomerry of urban architecture, and



Buildings and signs dominate the two human figures at the centre of The City (1919), the work of an artist recently returned from the horrors of war

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a similar feeling of enclosure dominates a 1919 masterpiece simply titled The City.

for the largest canvas Léger had so far produced, it contains at the centre two figures on a staircase. Unlike the similar pedestrians he had painted in the prewar period. these grey bodies lack boisterousness. And the steps they descend are now only a small element in a complex panorama, where colossal letters vie with girders, poles, windows and a host of less identifiable fragments energised above all

by their poster-like colour. In its size and outspoken impact, this heraldic painting suggests that Léger was increasingly stimulated by the spectacle of the billboard. But he was not yet ready to allow

people a prominent presence in his postwar work. Away from the staircase, figures in The City are reduced to cut-out forms, sliced off by neighbouring buildings and trapped within the labyrinth of their surroundings.

However much Leger may have been aware of urban alienation and the new centufor destruction, he was essentially an optimist. Anguish cannot be found in his work of the 1920s, when so much of his finest work was produced. Leger was profoundly indebt-ed to classicism, and a fascingtion with Poussin can be detected in many of his grandest images. When figures finally begin to assert themselves in his paintings, though, they convey no hint of

nostalgia for the past. The objects in Leger's best interwar work possess as much intensity as the people they accompany. In his 1924

film Ballet Mécanique, screened continually in the middle of the Pompidou exhibition, he relishes a succession of industrial forms. Occasionally a smiling woman on a

swing, a plump laundress or the sly, erotic features of Man Ray's mis-Kiki de tress terrupt the eggand other pounding components. But there is no mistaking Leger's determination to give these often-

and significance as the human

Pop Art 9 repeated objects as much dignity performers. Given Leger's infatuation

with the archetypal modern city, it was inevitable that he

should travel to New York.

His first visit in 1931 proved so

mesmerising that he returned

spending most of the Second World War in California, New York and Canada. The American years were marked by a

turning-away from angularity. Far from allowing himself to be obsessed with the skyscrapers of Manhattan, the curvilinear rhythms of naked divers and a provocative circus star called Big Julie. The heaviness that had afflicted his most grandi-

ose paintings of the 1930s dropped away, especially in an ebullient canvas called Adieu New York, where colour streams across the surface with a new, exhilarating sense of liberation. It anticipates the clangour of Pop Art, and Roy Lichtenstein in particular from Leger's late work. ("

But too many of the paintngs he made after returning to France seem slipshod compared with the overwhelming authority of his 1920s work. For a long time, absence of doubt had been a central strength. Now it often led him

though, Leger: recovered his vivacity with a colossal painting called *The Grand Parade*. Drawing on enraptured boybood memories of the circus. he animated his irrepressible canvas with ballerinas, clowns and acrobats. Above all, this mural-sized swansong gains its brio from undulating bands of scarlet, blue, orange and green. They are a final, flamboyant affirmation of his prolonged love affair with the dynamism of modern life.

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exhibition at the Margaret Harvey Gallery, the arrange-ment of small sculptural objects avoids the pitfalls of atmospheric" Obvious reference to the sinister gives way to a more thoughtful collection. Jane Simpson's rubber casts of girls' bedroom ornaments include a little birdie perched on the fork of a fake wooden branch. Neil Misrahi's Union Jack painting has a central black cross. Only the sofa perched in front of Leo's continuous storytelling video hints at the exact scale of the familiar sitting room.

Each of Daniel Cigman's Perspex boxes verbally illustrating a dream punctuates the space while take flowers. like those washed or blown away from a graveyard, are delicately displayed by Hugh Hamshaw Thomas, Richard Forster's sweet pink and white striped detachable mantelpiece and painting are somehow contrarily complemented by the excellent thickly painted red carpet strip by Richard Woods

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## Sinned against

val of Baroque Music ended as it had begun, with the music of J.S. Bach. But this was no exuberant culmination: had it not been for the singing of Andreas Scholl, this would have been an evening as damp and dark as the midsummer over which the festival has

Sigiswald Kuijken and his

Petite Bande were in subdued mood. Not only did they choose a severe. Lenten-oriented programme of cantatas, in which the word "sin" refused to go away, but they cast many a shadow over the more innocent instrumental works too. They followed the elegiac Concerto for violin and oboe, BWV1060 (Kuijken and Mar-cel Ponseele) with the Brandenburg Concerto No 6. in which the austerity of strings old and new - two violas and cello pitted against two viole da gamba and violone — was exaggerated by tired, lacklustre playing seemingly bent on

If one dared to look for colour, for varied timbre, for suppleness of inflection within rhythmic precision, then it was to be found only in the singing of countertenor AnCONCERT

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dreas Scholl. But this was quite some "only": it is thrilling to observe Scholl's voice expanding and maturing on each visit to London, and on Saturday he sang as well as I have ever heard him.

The cantata Widerstehe doch der Sünde (Hold yourself firm against all evil) showed off the distinctively firm and resonant low register of this exceptional voice. Long. strong phrasing dominated in an aria from Bekennen will ich seinen Namen (I will avow his name), before the major work of the evening, Vernügte Ruh', beliebte Seelenslust (O blessed rest, O welcome heart's delight). Here the full and extraordi-

narily wide range of Scholl's countertenor gloried in Bach's more expansive and melismatic style. His recitative. always beautifully paced and enunciated, was sensitive to the shifting stages of meditation here: from reflection on the world's ills in robust tone and hard consonants, to a veiling of the voice as God is addressed with humility and remorse. This change also shaped the subsequent aria. Even La Petite Bande could not resist finally tuning their spirits and instruments to musicianship as alert and

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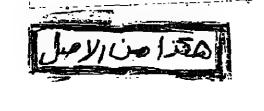
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## main Wagner travelling light

LONDON from the fourth and longest opera but as the Rhine overnowed and Valhalla was engulfed in flames at the close of Götterdämmerung, many of close of c of The Ring feeling revitalised, but as the Rhine overflowed and atre Royal on Saturday looked ready to repeat their ten-day adventure. The city's first Ring, presented with re-sourceful flair by the Theatre Royal and Norwegian Opera, is memorable above all for being so refreshingly free of the Teutonic baggage that often weighs Wagner's cycle down. Though produced by an English-

> Götterdämmerung/ Siegfried

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man, Mike Ashman, this Ring is strong on its Nordic roots, with the Norwegians apparently intent on reclaiming their part of the saga. The prophesying Norns, for instance, seem to step straight out of the Edda. Several of Kathrine Hysing's stage pictures reinforce this impression, not just the Norwegian-looking Christmas trees, which also serve as reminder that the: cycle is partly a gift of the Norwegians: the project only happened thanks to a substantial injection of state funds from across the North Sea, something impossible to imagine happening the other way around.

As the cycle progressed, these trees became a visual leitmotif, reappearing in most of the crucial scenes. By the Prologue to Götterdammerung they stood under a doom-laden sky apparently devastated by nuclear fallout. It was here that the components of Ashman's time-travelling Ring finally fell into place, with the futuristic designs following on naturally from a contemporary-looking Siegiried, a Walkure set in the 19th century, and a Rheingold dominated by gods in 18th-

century costume. Of the final two instalments, Siegfried featured the most striking designs, including a giant, Jurassic-style of Fatner's lair, and a feminine Woodbird flying above the stage on a swing. But all the designs, whether abstract or naturalistic, illustrated

f the programme notes are to be believed. Dionne

Warwick's visit to the

South Bank may well prove to-

be her farewell to this country.

Retirement beckons. Or so she

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nouncements of that sort have

a habit of turning into a long

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With any luck, she will be

back. But if Warwick really is

bowing out, this was quite a-

way to leave the stage. An

often diffident and reserved

performer in the past, she gave

an irresistible, two-hour dis-

follows another.



True heroine: Carol Yahr as an alert and radiant Brünnhilde in Norwegian Opera's Götterdämmerung

both the music and the drama faithfully, and this Ring was notable for being free of the in-your-face concepts often imposed on the work. Ashman allows the stereotypical characters to remain stereotypes; open to everyone's own interpretation.

This cycle will also be remembered for the musical intimacy achieved by the conductor Heinz Fricke, something seldom heard in larger theatres. Although he was perhaps a little stald in ment, Fricke's pacing was steady throughout and his support of the singers always considerate. None had to shout, and some managed almost to whisper at times, getting words and musical lines across with ease.

Indeed, Arild Helieland sang an uncommonly musical Mime, far removed from the manic caricature usually presented and a strong contrast with the vivid Alberich of Hartmut Welker. Also in Siegfried, Toril Carlsen made a bright Woodbird, and Knut Skram, one of Norway's best-known singers, an even-toned, noble Wanderer; the dramatic loss of having a different Wotan and Wanderer became a musical gain.

in Götterdämmerung, which highlighted excellent trios of Norms and Rhinemaidens, and an intense, gleam-

ing Waltraute from Rosemarie Lang. several of the singers gave their finest performances. Gudjon Oskursson, who had earlier made his mark as Fainer and Hunding, proved himself one of the company's outstanding singing-actors as a Hagen of dark power, and Edward Cook's Siegfried was in stronger voice, having started out as a hard-working but under-powered hero. Best of all was Carol Yahr's alert and radiant Brünnhilde, who over her moving scenes developed into the true heroine of this remarkable

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## Great way to say goodbye

ence participation. It was all the more remark-

able considering how many hits she casually dispatched in a breathless opening sequence in the first half hour, the BBC Concert-Orchestra arrayed behind her. Other singers would have been forgiven for holding Walk On By in reserve for a grand finale.

Not Warwick. Anyone Who Had A Heart went the same way, quickly followed by I Sav Little Prayer. Swapping POP Dionne Warwick Festival Hall

phrases with her three backing singers (who included her sister and one of her cousins). Warwick seemed excessively eager to lay the past to rest. Her voice took longer to settle. Whether due to fatigue or prolonged exposure to a

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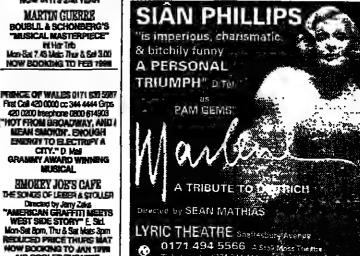
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## We demand a voice on **Amsterdam**

Michael Howard wants Labour

to put the treaty to a referendum

The Amsterdam treaty is a defeat for Britain. The Government has made big concessions to the other members in return for little more than agreements that the United Kingdom can continue to control policies which it has always controlled anyway.

The original purpose of the summit was to prepare for the admission of the Central and Eastern European nations, an aim shared by all the main political parties. But the treaty makes none of the institutional changes that would have brought enlargement forward: it is a prescription for a deeper. not a wider Europe.

The Government has failed to secure a better deal for British fishermen. During the election. Labour agreed with us that the problem of foreign "quota-hoppers" could be tackled only by changing the European treaties. But the Prime Minister has come back from Amsterdam with nothing more than a letter from the Commission that restates the existing situation by confirming Britain's right to issue licences which require a pro-portion of fish to be landed here. So Tony Blair has done nothing new to prevent foreign boats from fishing our quota.

Nor has the Government come back with any other posi-tive gains. It has done nothing to decentralise power to curb the politica ambitions of the Court, and nothing to reform the common

agricultural policy - some-thing we used to hear a great deal about when Labour was in Opposition.

Perhaps the most dangerous aspect of the treaty is that it erodes Britain's veto. First, qualified majority voting is extended to 16 new areas. including such vital matters as social and employment policy. Majority voting means that Britain can be forced to adopt measures which it believes to be harmful.

treaty declares that "the Union shall be founded on the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the rule of law, principles which are common to the member states". No one could disagree with this sentiment. The trouble is that human rights can be, and are, interpreted in widely differing ways. Under Article F(a), il EU members find a state guilty of a persistent and serious breach of those principles, they can suspend its voting rights and any other rights it enjoys as an EU member. They are required to consult the European Parliament, but

not any judicial body.

It does not take much imagination to see how this clause could be used to disarm the veto. If one country were preventing the others from adopting a measure which they regarded as vital, Article F (a) could be used as a pretext to suspend its voting rights. Anyhuman rights abuse if the political will were there: antiterrorist legislation or immigration controls. The sec- Foreign Secretary.

tion of the treaty concerned with fundamental rights talks of anti-discrimination meaemployment and social protection": plenty of ammunition for someone seeking the widest possible interpretation of uman rights.

being removed from the member states, new powers of veto are being given to the Euro-pean Parliament. Federalists vant to create a bicameral legislature, with the Parliament as the lower chamber and the Council of Ministers as a kind of upper house, or Bundesrat, representing the member states. Supporters of this model want the Parlialegislative footing with the Council, through a procedure known as "co-decision". The idea of co-decision is that instead of national governments having a veto over EU legislation, that blocking pow-er is exercised by the Parliament. Amsterdam extends co-decision to 23 new areas, including social and transport policy. New powers for Stras-bourg mean fewer powers for

Before the election. Mr Blair claimed that the social chapter could not be used to impose unwanted burdens on British Blair pleads firms. Now he acwith others cepts that it can, and his new solution is other members not

not to use the social to use the social chapter for the purchapter poses they have always intended it. I wish him luck.

And what has Britain gained? Mr Blair is very proud of having opted out of the European border-free zone. It would be churlish of us to complain, having negotiated the deal ourselves before the election. The equation is simple: Britain has given its permission to the others to use the EU structures in this area in return for guaranteed control over our own frontiers. It is, of course, an unmistakable Labour's stated opposition to

any permanent opt-outs? The Amsterdam treaty opens the door to a significant loss of our self-government. The Danish Government has recognised its constitutional importance, and promised its people a referendum. Others

Labour, in general, is fond of referendums. If we are to have a referendum on whether London should have an elected mayor and the North East of England a regional assembly. surely we should have one on a matter of such constitutional significance as the Amsterdam

Before the election. John Major said that if Amsterdam involved significant constitu-tional change, we would have to consider a referendum. It does involve such change; it will take powers away from Westminster and give them to Brussels. The British people should be given the chance to say whether they think it is a good deal for Britain. And that means a referendum.

The author is the Shadow



## Long to rain over us

have an old recording of Edith Situell reading her sombre wartime poem for Good Friday, In a doorny, quavering voice, Played it the other day, to cheer

myself up: Still falls the rain Dark as the world of man, Black as our loss Blind as the nineteen hundred and forty nails Upon the Cross.

But come now, Dame Edith, you must expect still-falling rain at Easter. As every child knows by now. it replenishes the ground-water sup-plies and tops up the aquifers, unlike summer rain, which apparently does no good at all but just makes people wet. What drenches the spirit this year is the resolute refusal of June to flame (except, apparently, in the Hebrides). Everywhere else the hon-ourable roll of Great British Washouts lengthens daily, so that you can actually feel your character being formed by adversity. Down goes the Test match on the one day you had tickets and a day off: down goes Auntie's silver wedding garden parand Handel in the park, Wimbledon and school sports day. It even poured on the handover ceremony in Hong

Kong yesterday.

There is a certain spirit of glum camaraderie abroad: my man on the Reading train reports pinstriped commuters smiling with fatherly sympathy at mud-caked sleeping teenagers up from Glastonbury, and at least the thwarted egg-and-spoon favourite aged six can stand together in spirit with Tim Henman, stifflipped as both contemplate soaking

frustration. But after a few days' cheery exchange of Blitz spirit with our compatriors, the most British of us turn a bit snarly. No summer event is safe: I even managed to get washed out of a literary festival the other day. After four hours virtually stationary on various M25 interchanges, with the wipers going full tilt and capsized lorry-drivers trudging along the hard shoulder, it became clear that no power on this wet British earth could deliver me to Devizes before dusk. Or

get me home, either. Nothing to do but endure, punch radio buttons and listen to several hundred over-excited journalists full of free egg-fried-rice yammering on about the last Royal Yacht upping anchor in the last colony as the sun (sob!) sets on the Empire. A chance

The Royal Pageant of the Horse is the ultimate summer washout

would be a fine thing, we homebodies snarled from the mud. The sun could set all it liked over here, provided the

But the greatest, saddest, glum-mest washout went oddly under-reported. On Sunday night the estimable BBC radio news informed the nation that the Royal Pageant of the Horse, scheduled for Saturday next in Windsor Great Park, is cancelled owing to the ground being made dangerously unstable by rainfall. Neither television news bulletin bothered even to mention this disaster, being too

preoccupied with close-ups of Mike Tyson's teethmarks on Evander Holyfield's ear. Most of the press gave it a passing, shrugging way, however, a great howl of grief rose. Never mind

that we had, for some months, been gleeful owners of tickets for the stands; never mind that the picnic was planned and the M25 strategy devised. What shook us, having followed the progress of this quixotic. slightly mad enterprise from the start, was the sheer scale of what will

not be happening.
Thirteen hundred horses will no longer be required: nor 1,200 temporary stables, 120 carriages, 600 bandsmen, 350 musicians, the Bach Choir and six thousand police. One hundred and twenty carriages will stay away, including the Glass Coach in which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh went to their wedding 50 years ago. They were to have ridden in it again together, for the first time since, at the triumphant culmination of the evening.

Twelve thousand riders, drivers and grooms belonging to every horseback body from the Household Cavairy to the Pony Club are suddenby free on Saturday evening after all.

The gypsy waggons and carthorses are cancelled, the huntsmen can stop polishing their horns. Desert Orchid can have a quiet night in. The Charge of the Heavy Brigade (120 horses, hand-picked for impressiveness and

reasonable records of being willing to stop after a rousing gallop) will not send divots flying. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse will not, after all, be galloping into the arena wearing 15th-high costumes and brandishing glittering scythes at cantering children disguised as Val-

kyries. Blast! Major Michael Parker was the man behind this scheme: the biggest ever event of its kind, the most complex. the most challenging in its blend of theatrical and equestrian skills (apparently the two staffs refer to one another as "Fetlock Polishers"

and "Luvvie Tendency"). It could only have been Major Parker, really: ne is one of our unsung national ewels, a ceremonial

endearing tendency to dash real tears from his own eyes at moments he has himself cunningly designed specifi-cally for their throat-lump potential.

After his triumphs at VE-Day. successive Royal Tournaments and British Legion pageants, not to mention his party in Hyde Park for 180,000 children which included a ten-mile-long sausage (no. 9.98 miles," he always corrects you) he was the natural choice. Who else could bring together Horse Guards. Olympic champions and pony club district commissioners with such panache in such a vast. absurd. sentimental, haut amateur tribute to horses and the Queen's lifelong preoccupation with them?

Frankly, it would have knocked the Hong Kong handover into a cocked hat. It was going to take 224 times longer to build the site than to run the actual 90-minute pageant. It was going to generate a forecast four tonnes of horse manure, and a financial surplus from ticket sales to equine and military charities. It was sponsored by Asprey's, without a penny of lonery or public money, because dammit, the horsey set are preny independent and don't go in for

whingeing and handouts.

And now it isn't going to happen.

mud, too much danger. The same cool, practical military eye which set the whole thing up has studied the terrain, assessed the risk to spectators, staff and horses, and calmly but decisively pulled the plug with no chance of reprieve. The Palace has no doubt received the news with equally British phlegm. If corgis are on the receiving end of a sharper word than usual, or highly-polished military toecaps are swung, suddenly, against stable doors; if, up and down the horsey counties, tickets are rammed into refund envelopes with a "Psha!" of repressed fury at being deprived of such cathersis, we shall never know. If the smaller Pony Clubbers' lips begin to tremble at the loss of their big, big night, then they will be firmly quelled by masterful district commis-

sioners. Can't be helped. These things happen. Especially with horses, children: they go lame on the eve of shows, they are stung by wasps in the dressage ring, they die suddenly of inexplicable disorders of the innards. All you can do is your best. Nothing is rice-pudding of a moral that is! What

a glum lesson to learn! Even Burns could not make it palatable, telling his sleekit fieldmouse that its bestlaid plans would gang agley. Myself, i willingly paid opera prices to junket off to Windsor with a gang of eight adults and children, just to see an hour and a half of Major Parker's spirited, barmy, romantically sentimental interpretation of The Horse in History. I like nothing better than a thousand horses careering around with loud bangs, glittering armour, lights and smoke. I am as choked as any Wimbledon or Test supporter -more, because there can be no replay.

But perhaps the lesson, the sheer lip-stiffening practice, is worth it in this comfortable indoor age of virtual reality and lawsuits for emotional distress. We didn't get the Empire by making a fuss about a few inches of unseasonal rain, did we? No, the only thing to do is what I bet the major is doing: to come over all military, stiffen your back, sweep aside the months of wasted work and anticipation, knock back a stiff whisky and

say: "Damn shame. Still ..."
Still. what? Don't ask. Tradition decrees that you are never required to complete that thought. No platitudinous reasoning can ease the great disappointments of life. Just a damn shame. Ah well.

### Has democracy a future?

Anatole Kaletsky

on a brief encounter

with liberty

Two weeks ago I was sitting in the Pantheon in Rome, after speaking at a conference on the future of global capitalism. As I stared up at Hadrian's gigantic structure — still Europe's largest selfsupporting dome after nearly 2,000 years—I reflected on a conversation I had had the previous day with Antonio Fazio, the head of Italy's central bank.

Over the past two years Signor Fazio has astonished the financial world by reducing Italian inflation below the German level and has seen his institution nicknamed "the Bundesbank of the South". The process of wringing out inflation to qualify for European monetary union has had enormous costs. Unemployment has risen to levels not seen since the 1940s. The excitement about renewing Italian democracy which followed the collapse of the corrupt Christian Democrat oligarchy in the early 1990s has been replaced by disillusioned apathy as old, familiar faces return.

It seemed natural to wonder whether the recent sensational elec-tions in Britain and France would produce similar disappointments for voters. Would the Labour Party restore public services, or help the jobless, if this meant threatening the priveleges of the upper middle class? Would the French Socialists attack poverty and unemployment if this required a challenge to the conven-tional wisdom on "European con-struction" of the administrative and diplomatic elite?

As I sat staring at the 2,000 years of history, it struck me that Emperor Hadrian would have perfectly understood our modern politicians, who build bureaucratic monuments and new European empires on the backs of the ordinary voters of Marseilles, Manchester or Milan. And the Classical Emperors would not have been the only Romans who would smirk at the shallowness of modern democracy. From the Colosseum to the Vatican and the bizarre Fascist stuctures of EUR, Rôme is a monument to the oligarchic concentration

of wealth and power.

And Rome is, of course, a microcosm of Western civilisation. Com-paring the 2,000-year longevity of the Pantheon to the lifespan of a Disney movie or a Pentium computer, it is hard to resist the idea that equality and democracy may not be the natural human conditions Thomas Jefferson assumed. Which brings me

Six million people are moving from Western democracy to communist oligarchy. The lavish celebrations are attended by presidents, monarchs and statesmen. One can see why the Chinese are celebrating, but what about the British, Americans and, above all, the people of Hong Kong? There are plenty of cynical explanations: power politics, opportunism, hypocrisy, post-imperial guilt. But there are also objective indicators for example the record prices of property - which suggest that Hong Kong's enthusiasm for the commu-

nist future may be sincere.

To people carried away by the millennial triumphalism of American style capitalism. Hong Kong's perverse enthusiasm for the future has a decidedly upbeat explanation. Western-style democracy is the inev-itable way of the future. The Hong. Kongers know it is just a matter of time before democracy sweeps the whole of China in an opward march of freedom around the world.

ut there, is a less euphoric Bexplanation Perhaps the people of Hong Kong do not give two hoots about democracy. They were, after all, ruled by a distant autocracy until the arrival of Chris Patten, and most have shown little interest in politics in the past few

Perhaps they value their ethnic identity above their individual free dom. Perhaps the people of Hong Kong simply take it for granted that they will be governed by oligarchs, and hope for nothing more than to get on with their private affairs. Perhaps, indeed, the same indifference to politics is sweeping over Europe as national politics is swall-powed by a dictory because was in lowed by a distant bureaucracy in Brussels; as economic control is handed to unelected central bankers; as moral values are deemed to be outside the political realm; as elec-tions themselves just revolve the door on indistinguishable technocratic co-

alitions.

The Western optimists believe that Hong Kong's period of communist autocracy will prove but a brief aberration before China itself is eventually swept up by the tide of democracy. But the Chinese and many other Asians have a very different sense of history. The can: look back, like the Romans, over; centuries in which democracy has never played a serious part. Zhou Enlai, the late Chinese Prime Minister. was asked on his first state visit to Paris what he thought of the principles of the French Revolution. "It is

too early to say," he replied As the world prepares for the end of the millennium it is worth reflecting that democracy has prevailed for 50 of the past 2,000 years. Should we then, conclude that its friumph is now inevitable around the world? It seems much too early to say.

## Hip, hip

TWO years after she had one hip might be too fragile for the procereplaced. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother wants her doctors to set to work on her other one. In November 1995, she had her hip done at the King Edward VII Hospital in London. One of the principal surgeons for that opera-tion was William Muirhead-Allwood, now, after a sex-change operation, known as Sarah. At the time of her first hip replacement, the Queen Mother's

with HRH's constitution. So agile has she been with the one new hip. she thinks it is by no means too late to have the other one brought up to

Her medical advisers, however, are once again not so sure. At 97, they are concerned that the trauma of another operation might be too much. "She is very determined to have the operation," says my man behind the surgical screen. "And

doctors were concerned that she



judging from the outcome of her last operation, she knows what's

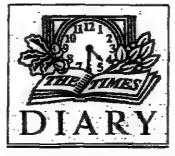
best for herself."

Dr Muirhead-Allwood is still working at the King Edward VII Hospital and since he became a she has performed on such notables as Cardinal Hume. "She remains at the top of her field." says my source of Sarah M-A, "and would undoubtedly perform on the Queen Mother if she persists in asking for the operation."

#### Deaf ear

NO answer is forthcoming from the Prime Minister's team on why he chose not to use the interpreter when listening to President Jiang Zemin's speech in Chinese on retaking Hong Kong. On each side of him, there was the Prince of Wales. Chris Patten, the former Governor. and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, all wearing earpieces listening to the English translation of the President's speech. But not Tony

Does he speak Mandarin perhaps? No, said his press team. Was it a snub then? No, said his press team. Was it perhaps vanity, that he did not want to be snapped with a wire trailing from his ear? No again. Which leaves the only possible answer, that another earpiece



rumoured to be already inserted, which feeds straight back to his officials in No 10.

#### Bracing news

IN their search for a successor to Mary Robinson, the Irish President. Ireland's main political parties have been looking north of the border to Mary McAleese, the Catholic Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast. Prolessor McAleese, who was born in the fiercely nationalist Ardoyne, is said to have been approached by Fine Gael. Fianna Fael and the Irish Labour Party about standing

as a unity candidate for the post. Like Robinson, McAleese, who wears braces on her teeth, trained as a lawyer and is not known for pulling her punches. She is a keen

Church on account of its lack of accountability and recently said that it was "mischievous, if not quite and Carholic children together.

· False expectations are the main hazara at tonight's Tate Gallery centenary dinner, to be attended by Diana, Princess of Wales. Pudding consists of a huge cake. It's enormous and covered in thousands of coloured lightbulbs," says Anne Beckwith-Smith, the organiser of the event. Just one thing. "Oh no. You can't eat it," she says. "It's just to look at."

#### Hog boast

FOR the stressed-out Tory, Vis-Opposition in the House of Lords, has an alternative to transcendental meditation: pig-keeping. Like P.G. Wodehouse's Lord Emsworth. Cranborne finds nothing so peaceful as leaning his wel-

"I have two Tamworth sows and a Large Black sow, called Black Beauty, which my wife gave me for Christmas " says Cranborne.



Sow proud: Lord Cranborne

"She's an excellent specimen and recently came third in the Bath and West Show." Even better, the sow appears to be doing its dynastic duty. Black Beauty's been pregnant twice already," says Craning so peacetin as reaming his werlingtons against a fence and gazing
into his sty. During the election, in
which he served as John Major's
chief of staff, colleagues said he
could instantly dissolve a tense mo
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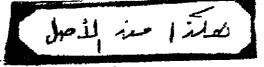
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### WELSH LABOUR

The vital difference between Blair and Davies

Devolution should be an exercise in letting go: for Labour in Wales it is currently a battle to get a grip. The principled arguments in layour of decentralising power to the Principality have been overshadowed by the attempts to impose a centrally dictated line on members of the Welsh Labour Party. The authority which should be conferred by the parliamentary dominance that Labour enjoys in Wales has been undermined by the heavy-handed manner in which that control has been exercised. The Welsh Secretary, Ron Davies, may believe that his MPs should open their mouths only to hymn the party's praises; but they are elected representatives not a male voice choir. The danger for devolutionists is not that Labour may fail to deliver because some backberichers have honest reservations; it is rather that the Welsh people may have deep doubts about voting for an assembly which could institutionalise the arrogance Mr Davies displays.

The Labour leadership's desire to maintain the discipline which routed the remnants of the Welsh Tory party at the election is understandable: Factionalism and personal jealousies have impeded the party's past effectiveness and it is still haunted by the memory of the 1979 devolution referendum. The then Prime Minister, Jim Callaghan, a Cardiff MP, and the Leader of the House, Valleys Member Michael Foot, had to endure a brilliant campaign of opposition, led by Neil Kinnock, which prompted 80 per cent of those voting to say no. Eighteen years of Conservative rule have, according to the opinion polls, reversed attitudes. Mr Davies, however, appears by his actions not to believe completely in the conversion of his countrymen to the devolutionary cause.

There are three aspects to the manner in which Mr Davies is advancing his case which are the mark of a fixer, not a crusader. First, the Welsh assembly will not enjoy the tax-raising powers intended for its Scottish sister. It is argued that a body whose aim is to bring a measure of democratic scrutiny to the Weish Office does not itself need to raise revenue. Tony Blair, however, pointed out in the election that even the lowliest parish council can raise taxes. The failure to trust the Cardiff assembleymen with such powers suggests that, in the eyes of the Labour leadership, the Welsh people does not want devolution enough to pay for it.

Secondly, the referendum intended to establish the degree of support that devolution enjoys will take place weeks after a similar vote in Scotland. Officially, the delay is prompted by a recognition that Scottish devolution will dominate debate and Wales needs time to have its needs discussed in detail. Unofficially, the delay is intended to isolate Welsh opposition. It will be a lonelier battle for the "no" campaign if Scotland has already said yes. Labour will not so much ask the Welsh if they want an assembly in its own right as invite them not to forgo what their Celtic cousins have just acquired - a

case of keeping up for the Joneses.
Thirdly, Mr Davies appears determined to fight for devolution not by advertising its ments but by demonising its opponents. His anxiety at the prospect of Labour MPs campaigning against an assembly is not motivated primarily by fear that their doubts will carry the day. His anger stems from the sabotage that their dissent does to his best argument, which is, bluntly put, vote "yes" because the Tories are against it.

If Labour MPs have principled objections to devolution then the referendum becomes a vote on the issues rather than a vote on the Tories, and that makes life much more difficult for Mr Davies. Given the lengths to which he has now gone, a defeat in the referendum would be a disaster for Mr Davies, but not Mr Blair, who has deprecated coercion and who has rightly stressed that devolution depends on proper consent.

#### **END OF EMPIRE**

Time to focus on the small responsibilities that remain

Emotion flowed freely in Hong Kong yesterday. For many it was a day of celebration and excitement, pride and patriotic fervour. But for the departing British it was also a moment of nostalgia and regret, sadness and a sense of loss. Not only was the Union Flag lowered for the last time on a colony that was the last substantial remnant of an Empire that once covered the globe, but in their speeches, ceremonies and parting gestures representatives of the Crown, the Government and the Armed Services recailed an almost forgotten sense of duty and responsibility, good government and dedication to the peoples over which Britain once held sway,

Yesterday did not mark the end of Empire: that came in 1947 when Britain granted independence to India. That was the crucial moment when it became clear that a nation exhausted by war could no longer maintain indefinitely its rule over distant possessions. A decade later the independence of Ghana marked a final hectic period of decolonisation as one by one the states of Africa proclaimed their independence. With the loss of Hong Kong, all that remains now are a few small islands, once staging posts on the shipping routes to the colonies, that are either too small or too remote to make their way alone in the world.

There were tears in Hong Kong yesterday. And it was not only Chris Patten who struggled to contain the conflicting emotions. Many Hong Kong Chinese looked back with gratitude on what Britain had done for them, on the good government, rule of law and impartial civil service that has provided a framework for the prosperity of this once barren island. Britons, too, can reflect with pride on what they and their ancestors have contributed not only to Hong Kong but to those dominions and colonies

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over which the Union Flag once flew. The years of post-colonial guilt and apology for imperialism have, at last, given way to a more balanced, historical assessment. Even the Chinese, recalling more than 150 years of "national humiliation", admitted this week that British rule was not all bad.

With the fall of communism, European empires have now all been swept away. Some fell in violence and chaos. Belgium and The Netherlands had a poor record and did least to prepare their possessions for independence. Others, such as Germany and Italy, had their colonies seized after defeat in war. France left some countries with good education and strong economy; but Algeria is still suffering from the viol-ence and trauma in which its independence was born. Partition in India, violence in Aden cost millions of lives and blemished Britain's record. But on the whole this country withdrew from its Empire better than most.

With the loss of Hong Kong, Britain, which once administered the biggest Empire the world has ever seen, now has responsibility for fewer than 180,000 people in the remaining dependent territories. France still has three times as many citizens in its overseas départements, and has long given them full integration with metropolitan France. For these remaining few, Britain retains political and moral responsibility. Sadly the record here is poor. Drug-taking and money-laundering in the Caribbean, arguments over sovereignty in the Falklands and Gibraltar and the most appalling neglect of St Helena, Britain's Atlantic Alcatraz, betray official irritation at being saddled with these pinpricks from a bygone age. There will be no more transfers of sovereignty. It is time now that the old ideals of Empire were properly applied to the small territories where Britain still holds sway.

#### FORTIFY THE CHANCELLOR

There is a symbol and soda in the oddest Budget traditions

Budget for 18 years tomorrow. The economics of it will influence the political weather all year. Because Budgets have losers as well as winners, it may bring the Government's honeymoon with its electorate down to earth with a bump. But although the Chancellor is a Roundhead in a hurry, he is still stuck with the quaint traditions of the Budget.

The Chancellor will still be expected to brandish Gladstone's battered old Budget. box outside No 11. He will make his ministerial broadcast in the evening. And the press will show an inordinate interest in the contents of his glass of liquid on the dispatch box, which for the only time in the parliamentary year need not be water. The Chancellor should choose his tipple with care for the message it sends.

Harold Macmillan said that Budget day was "rather like a school speech day - a bit of a bore, but there it is". And in his only Budget, he went along with the drama of parliamentary speech day by fortifying his speech with his native Scottish drink that is stronger than Scotch mist. Disraeli protested that he knew nothing of finance. So as Chancellor he sipped white port to see himthrough his Budget speech, which must have given him a wicked hangover. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead took brandy and water

as a concentrated version of fine claret. The austere Stafford Cripps had nothing

Gordon Brown presents Labour's first but water in his carafe, and his Budgets were appropriately dispiriting. The Chancellor who demanded gin as a transparent camouflage was put down by his Sir Humphrey asking, "Neat, Chancellor?". Nigel Lawson switched from whisky and soda to spritzer. This suited his new slimming diet, as well as being more compatible with keeping the brain working at high speed for long hours. And, as with so much Budget fore, Gladstone started the tradition with his five-hour Budget speeches. His nonconformist supporters might have preferred him to lubricate them with the milk of human kindness. But Gladstone had a grand old British taste for port.

Rhetoric can make the Budget speech tick. But liquor is quicker. The best audience too is intelligent, dressed up for speech day and post-prandial in spirit. Even the new House of Commons should still be able to pass at least one of these qualifications.

According to Enoch Powell, the ideal state for making a speech is to have a half-full bladder to focus the mind and stop the vocal chords from going on too long. But even if the Chancellor does not need anything but water for his big day, he should put a little colouring in it to honour the old tradition. Tomorrow is the one day in the the year when the attention of the entire nation is focused on the national economy - as well as what is oiling its steward's throat.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Hong Kong role

From Sir Peter Heap

Sir, Hong Kong's Governor, Chris Patten, continues to be criticised by certain former Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials and others, particularly for the limited extension of democratic government under his administration. As a former FCO official with recent experience in Hong Kong I take a wholly different

Chris Patten has done an excellent job, deserving recognition in these last days of office. His critics, including former ambassadors to China, see Hong Kong from a Beijing perspec-tive; they see it as a relatively small city in the vastness of China and as a possible irritant in the larger picture of Anglo-Chinese relations that must be soothed at almost any price. Patten has been perceptive enough

to see other important dimensions. Above all there was his duty to the people of Hong Kong. He could not, should not and, to his credit, did not, ignore their aspirations. When Martin Lee's Democratic Party swept the elections shortly before his arrival this sent a message that no British governor, in any colony at any time, should have ignored. Our colonial history gave him plenty of guidance on what happens when you try to put the lid on such pressures. Patten's consistently high popularity among the people of Hong Kong showed that they understood this.

Patten also understood that Hong Kong has a concentration of British interests, investments, trade, British citizens, not matched by the whole of China. He had to stand up for these interests, even if that sometimes appeared to rock the boat.

The modest extension of democracy in electing the Legislative Council was not the result of a rush of blood during Patten's first months. A well researched study for Chatham House earlier this year shows that it was something that Britain had been trying to do for some time previously.

That Hong Kong is being handed over in good order owes much to Chris Patten. This country, the people of Hong Kong, and the FCO should be

Yours etc. PETER HEAP Senior Trade Commissioner. Hong Kong, 1989-92). 6 Carlisle Mansions, Carlisle Place, SWI.

From Mr B. Chong

Sir, There is one bit of good news one. The seed of democracy, open government, media accessibility and public accountability has been sown.

Once people have a taste of freedom, they know what is good or bad. I write as one whose family fled China for Hong Kong to avoid communist persecution in the 1950s. Yours faithfully,

B. CHONG, 102 Greenhill Road, Winchester, Hampshire. June 27.

#### 'Lanchtime' abortion

From Ms Jane Bloomfield

Sir, We should not confuse the difficulty of taking the decision to terminate a pregnancy with the unpleasantness of the surgical procedure (report. "Lunchtime abortion on offer", later

editions, June 28).

Any development which reduces the trauma caused by the operation should be welcomed, or do we want to further punish women for their mis-

Yours faithfully. JANE BLOOMFIELD. 22 Carrick Close, Cambridge. ilacamb@rmplc.co.uk June 30.

#### Final frontier

From Mrs Yve Menzies

Sir, It is wrong to say (Dr Graeme Archer's letter, June 27) that it is a criminal offence not to carry your passport as a foreigner in Italy. If, as it appears, Dr Archer is a resident his Italian driving licence will be accepted as identification; and, as an Italian resident, he would be entitled to an Italian identity card, although this could not be used out of Italy.

From Milan due west to the border with France is one of the most important drug centres in Italy. It is small wonder the police stop cars. Dr Arther describes them as heavy-handed and largely ineffectual, but the Carabinieri anti-drug squads have an enviable reputation throughout Europe in combating the proliferation of drugs.

In over fifteen years, in common with most foreigners, I have never been asked for my identity card, let alone my passport, except when flying back to the UK:

Yours faithfully, YVE MENZIES, Villa Galanta. 18030 Perinaldo (IM), Italy. June 29.

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#### Praise for Patten's West must 'put own house in order'

nonsensical.

he tackled.

their carbon emissions by paying for

the planting of trees, thus removing the need to tackle carbon emissions, is

Global climate change from in-

creased atmospheric carbon is the

single biggest threat facing this plan-

et. The increase comes from the use of

fossil fuels, and it is that which has to

Tree plantations effect a net removal of carbon only in their early years,

when they are growing rapidly. In or-

der that the carbon isn't rereleased in-

to the atmosphere, the mature forest

has to be left untouched for eternity.

More and more new trees would al-

ways be needed and the area under

forest would have to increase indefi-

Whilst an increase in forest cover (in

the right circumstances) is highly de-

sirable, tree-planting is not an alter-native to reducing our emissions. Do-

nating £10 to a tree-planting scheme

cannot buy motorists a licence to pol-

lute; measures to cut car use and en-

courage more sustainable modes of

Sir, The plea by Mr Dirk Jones (letter,

June 25) to zero-rate those items which

encourage saving tinsulation, glass, solar heating, etc) is totally unrealis-

tic, because the tax (unconstitutional-

lyl is unrepealable. The Chancellor

confirmed this when he was asked in

a radio interview last October about

Labour's plans for VAT on fuel and

replied: "I'd like to remove it al-

It was the Labour Government in

1977 which signed the sixth VAT

directive to standardise the VAT base

throughout Europe, and since Labour

is committed to finalising the single

market by 1998, both the VAT base

and VAT rates will need to be har-

monised. Britain can only be as "green" with VAT as Brussels allows.

together, but it can't be done."

transport are essential.

GEORGINA GREEN,

From Mr Adrian Hilton

26-28 Underwood Street, NI.

Friends of the Earth,

Yours faithfully,

From Dr Robin Russell-Jones

Sir, President Clinton's failure to deliver any targets for reducing carbon-dioxide emissions (report. June 24; letters June 25, 26) betrays a cynical disregard for the welfare of future generations. His position is indefensible, for the scientific case is overwhelming and his own Vice-President has written extensively on the need to combat global warming.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN RUSSELL-JONES. Atholl House, Church Lane. Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire.

From Mrs Uta Bellion

Sir. Your proposal (leading article, June 24) that rich nations should pay for cuts in poor countries' emissions is fundamentally flawed. It is still the industrialised countries which have the highest per capita emissions. The G8 nations alone, accounting for only 12.2 per cent of the world's population. contribute 47 per cent to global carbon-dioxide emissions (21 per cent alone from the US).

"Joint implementation", as your proposal is usually described, will allow these countries to avoid taking measures to achieve reductions in emissions at home, many of which would be beneficial economically, socially and environmentally.

Industrialised countries must put their own house in order first, investing in cost-effective energy efficiency, clean, renewable energy supplies like wind, wave and solar, along with other measures, of which there are many.

investments like these not only dramatically cut CO2 emissions: they will create tens of thousands of jobs in the UK alone. Leadership like this can set an example to the rest of the world and become the basis for substantive global CO2 emission cuts at December's climate-change convention in

Yours truly, UTA BELLION (Policy Director). Friends of the Earth. 26-28 Underwood Street, NI.

From Dr Georgina Green

Green city traffic

From the Public Policy

Manager of the AA

Sir, The idea put forward by the governing body of Formula One (report, June 12) that motorists should offset

Pedestrianisation does provide a good shopping environment. But as important is access by quality public

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN HILTON

(Parliamentary candidate

for Stratford-upon-Avon,

Referendum Party, 1997),

Priory House, Amersham Road,

Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

transport linked to park-and-ride fa-

cilities that meet the modern consum-Sir, The aim of city-centre pedestrianier's expectations. sation should be to keep the car out Cities like Freiburg have invested in and get the car occupants in ("Green alternatives to the car, and their citicities drive out plague of cars", report, zens enjoy public transport services that we can only envy. If we are to

June 25.

But even in Freiburg, the city on the edge of the Black Forest featured in your report, the car still has an important role to play. Reporting on a visit there two years

ago, the House of Commons Environment Select Committee said: 80 per cent of the population around Freiburg uses the car to shop in the city ... They (the city authorities) believe that car parking has to be provided for retail businesses to remain profitable.

Yours faithfully, BERT MORRIS,

achieve similar sustainable and ac-

ceptable transport policies in this

country, we must end the chronic un-

derfunding of all forms of transport.

Public Policy Manager. The Automobile Association, Norfolk House, Priestley Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

#### **BBC World Service**

From Ms Amina Jilani

Sir, Mr Jeffrey Dudgeon (letter, June 23) may be right about "most foreign listeners" to the World Service not being interested in hearing about their own country, but here in Pakistan, and the same may be true for other Third World countries, the BBC World Service — especially the Eng-lish service — is an important source of information about our own coun-

While our press is relatively free, television and radio are totally statecontrolled and thus often uninfor-

During our frequent national crises we rely totally on the BBC to tell us what is happening from hour to hour.

AMINA JILANI. 93 Clifton, Karachi 75600, Pakistan. ac@xiber.com

From Mrs Jocelyn Hay, Chairman of Voice of the Listener and Viewer

Sir, In view of the important role the BBC World Service plays in disseminating impartial news throughout the world, one of our concerns is that it has become an integral part of the BBC's commercial arm. We fear that its priorities may have changed from

that it virtually eliminates the need to go and see the play. As a teacher of French literature, I used to plough

through acres of soggy commentary

in the hope of finding such a treasure.

Silverdale Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

the Old Vic (June 30):

FRED COSSTICK.

3 High View Court,

maximising audience reach to maximising profits.

In order to mark our concern we, together with the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are holding a public meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, on July 17, at which the deputy managing director of the World Service will be speaking.

Yours faithfully, JOCELYN HAY, Chairman, Voice of the Listener and Viewer, 101 King's Drive, Gravesend, Kent.

From Professor Emeritus J. T. Coppock

Sir, Mr Dudgeon wants Radio 4 re-broadcast on the World Service. May suggest, as a regular listener to Newsdesk and Newsday, that the reverse is more appropriate.

I listen with interest to the balanced presentation of real news and then perforce hear the progressively downmarket contributions of Radio 4. Of course, this is only following the trend in the press of highlighting any sexual or financial peccadillo, however triv-

Yours faithfully, J. T. COPPOCK. 57 Braid Avenue, Edinburgh. June 24.

#### Summer's chill Worth the wait

From Mr R. W. Butler From Mr Frederick Cosstick Sir, I should like to congratulate Benedict Nightingale for one phrase

Sir, "The bullfrog breed" indeed (leading article, June 28). Last night I in his review of Waiting for Godot at attended the Bradfield College Greek play in the open-air Greek theatre. By the time it finished at about 11pm I ... a cross-section of fallible humanity waiting in an infinitely insecure world for an infinitely improbable salvation. was wearing a mixture of cricket, skiing, shooting, fishing, boating and It is so succinct but all-embracing

even commuting gear. Henley is clearly going to be a chal-lenge if this weather continues. By the way, the play was superb.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD BUTLER. Martens House, Willow Lane, Wargrave, Berkshire,

#### Unemployment and crash of 1929

From Sir John Wallev

Sir. The 1929 stock market crash must have had many disastrous consequen-ces but Lord Rees-Mogg ("Nemesis on Wall Street", June 26) is wrong in thinking that the collapse of Ramsay MacDonald's Labour Government

was one of them. Rees-Mogg was then only a very small child. But I was there as an official of their charming Minister of Labour, Margaret Bondfield, preparing a Bill for the 40-hour week. It might indeed have been new Labour!

What brought that Government down was nothing to do with the City or the stock market: it was the need to reduce the rates of unemployment benefit by about 10 per cent to match a long fall in prices and wages since the rates had been fixed by the first Mac-Donald Government.

It was a very difficult issue for a Labour Government with strong trade union links and when Miss Bondfield brought it to Cabinet, months before the crash, her paper was ordered to be removed from the Cabinet records. But John Maynard Keynes, then chief economic adviser, and his colleagues had the same idea and it came back to them in the first report of the Royal Commission on Unemployment Insurance, which they themselves had

It was this report which led to the break-up of MacDonald's second Government, not any stock market crisis; and it was the endorsement of the drastic cuts of pay as well as unemployment insurance benefit by the National Government and their endorsement by the people at the 1931 election which set us on the road to recovery. But I cannot see any link with new Labour's prospects.

Yours truly, JOHN WALLEY (Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, 1958-66), Brookland House, 24 High Street. Cottenham, Cambridgeshire. June 26.

#### Omnibus time

From Mr Paul Twyman

Sir. Your leading article ("Omnibus time", June 26) paints such a rosy picture of bus operations in London that I can only assume that you do not use the buses in my part of the metropolis.

The contractual arrangements between London Buses Ltd and the individual operating companies — which. interestingly, ministers want to keep secret on sou ious erounds of mercial confidentiality (Hansard, written answers, June 19) — are sadiy deficient, particularly in relation to timekeeping and route supervision. Effective monitoring of performance is almost entirely lacking, customer complaints procedures seem designed to choke off complaints rather than provide useful management informa-

The bus operators are forever blaming traffic congestion. This is obviously a problem - but this does not explain why buses start their journeys early, nor why so many cancellations occur due to engineering problems and lack of buses.

Waiting for a bus for 50 minutes at the end of my road - on an inner-city route - does not lead me to conclude that London bus regulation is a model for anything - just a way of cutting costs at the expense of the customer.

Yours faithfully, PAUL TWYMAN (Under-Secretary, Department of Transport, 1985). Il Finsen Road, SE5. June 27.

#### Dormice or Labour?

From Mr G. F. Axe

Sir, The new Labour Government was elected to eliminate droughts ("Is it dormice, or is Labour to blame?", report, June 28). It has ended the drought of ineffectual Tory rule, the drought of British sporting success and the weather drought of early spring. What more could you want?

G. F. AXE. 8) Upper Road, Kennington, Oxford.

#### Lions' victory

From Mr Oliver Stogdon

Sir. Does not the British Lions' victory (reports, June 30) in South Africa make a great case against the proposed devolution of Scotland and

Yours sincerely, OLIVER STOGDON, Lands Cottage, Swerford, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

#### Self-regulation

From Mr Peter Calver

Sir. I note from today's Appointments supplement that the DTI is seeking members for the Low Pay Commission.

Apparently commissioners will be unpaid. Well, that should concentrate the mind.

Yours faithfully, PETER CALVER, Star Cottage, 10 Wicken Road, Newport, Essex. June 26.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

RIDEAU HALL OTTAWA June 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left Toronto this morning and flew to Jack Garland

Airport, North Bay. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited J.K.S. Boyles, a diamond drill manufacturer, at North Bay and were received by the President (Mr Robert Parsons).
Later The Queen and The Duke

luncheon by the Premier of On-tario (the Hon Michael Harris) at Canadore College of Applied Arts and Technology. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this afternoon left To-

ronto for Ottawa and were re-ceived at Macdonald Cartier International Airport, Ottawa, by the Governor General (the Rt Hon Roméo Le Blancj.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, later presented a new Colour to the Governor General's Foot Guards at the Cricket Pitch, Rideau Hall, and were received by the Honorary Colonel (Colonel the Hon Conrad Black) and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel Roy Hillier).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness subsequently anended a reception in the Garden.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Presi-

dent. The Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conferences, this evening attended a dunner at Parliament Hill with the organising committee of the 1998

The Lord Kingsdown KG (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent) was present at Royal Air Force Manston this morning upon the Arrival of The Queen of Denmark, and welcomed Her Majesty on hehalf of The Queen. ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 30: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the British Council Building, Hong Kong, His Royal Highness afterwards presented Chevening Scholarships

students at the British Trade

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the festival

service of the Friends of St Paul's.

The Princess Royal, as president,

Missions to Seamen, will attend

the annual service and luncheon

and preside at the annual meeting

at St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, EC4, at 11.30; as

patron, British Executive Service

Overseas, will attend a volunteers

garden party at Marlborough House, at 3.45; and as president,

Riding for the Disabled Associ-ation, will attend the grand sum-mer charity ball at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 7.45.

Princess Margaret, as president

will attend a performance by the Royal Ballet, the Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Royal Ballet

School at the Royal Opera House.

St Paul's Cathedral, at 4.55.

Today's royal engagements

the Community English Language Laboratory at Talkoo Shing.

His Royal Highness this aftermoon received the Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) on

hoard HMY Britannia.
The Prince of Wales afterwards attended the British Farewell Cercmony at the East Tamar reclama-

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception and Banquet given by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs (the Rt Hon Robin Cook MPi at the Convention and

Exhibition Centre.
The Prince of Wales later took part in the official Handover Ceremony at the Convention Centre. Finally, His Royal Highness departed Hong Kong on board

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 30: The Princess Royal, Patron, Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, accompanied by Cap tain Timothy Laurence RN, this morning visited Jersey Zoo, Trin-ity, and was received by the Licutenant-Governor of Jersey (General Sir Michael Wilkes). Her Royal Highness later opened the new airport buildings

at Jersey Airport, St Peter, KENSINGTON PALACE
June 30: The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception to celebrate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Hatchards at 187 Piccadilly, London WI.

YORK HOUSE June 30: The Duke of Kent, Patron. this evening attended a Charity Race Evening on behalf of the Army Benevolent Fund at Windsor Racecourse and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr

Philip Wroughton).

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Wimbledon Championships. London SWI9.

and to mark the centenary year o

The Duke of Gloucester will visit

the Royal Agricultural Society of

England Show, Stoneleigh Park,

The Duke of Kent will attend the

Wimbledon Championships at

Dame Ninctie de Valois.

Warwickshire, at 11.15.

dinner, at Brooks's, at 7.40.

Guild of Freemen of the City

Sir Anthony Grant. Moster of the

Guild of Freemen of the City of London, presided at a dinner held

Dinner

of London

#### Birthdays today

tree

Diana, Princess of Wales, cele-brates her 36th birthday today.

Mr Dan Aykroyd, actor, 45: Sir Alan Campbell, diplomat, 78: Miss Lesile Caron, actress, 66; Mr Wayne David, MEP, 40; Miss Olivia de Havilland, actress, 81: Mr Trevor Eve, actor, 46; Lady Faulkner of Downpatrick, 72; Sir Colin Figures, civil servant, 72; Lord Gisborough, 70; Mr Hans Werner Henze, composer. 71; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Hugo, former Gentleman Usher to The Queen, 98; Sir Peter Hunt, chairman and managing director, Land

12.30; as president, Wellington College, will attend a reception at Apsley House, at 7.00; and as president, will attend an Automobile Association Committee Viscount Leverhulme, KG, 82; Mr Carl Lewis, athlete, 36; Sir Kenneth Lewis, former MP. 81; the Marquess of Linlithgow, 51; Miss Jean Marsh, actress, 63; Professor Stephen Neidle, Academic Dean, Institute of Cancer Research, 51; General Sir Thomas Pearson, 83; Miss Joan Sadler, former Principal, Cheltenham Ludies' College, 70; Mr Garry Schofield, rugby league player, 32; Mr Peter Walwyn, racehorse trainer, 64; the Very Rev Alan Webster, former

#### School news

Lord Snowdon's family

garden flourishes again

LORD Snowdon went back yesterday to his childhood home,

Nymans, nearly ten years after the great storm of October 1987

laid waste one of the greatest gardens in the Sussex Weald, developed over the years by the Messel family. Three quarters of the trees at Nymans were lost including some of the country's rarest living species and some of its oldest, such as the great monkey puzzle tree in front of the house. Now the greaten has fully recovered using money from the £2 million.

garden has fully recovered, using money from the £2 million

raised in the National Trust's storm appeal. Some areas have been restored and reinvigorated, the rose garden replanted, and cuttings, taken from fallen trees, have been planted exactly

where their predecessors stood, including a monkey puzzle

Birtulule School, Sheffield The Governors have appointed Mr Robert J. Court as Head Master of Birkdale School in September 1998 on the retirement of the Rev Michael D.A. Hepworth. Mr Court is at present Second Master of Westminster School.

Leeds Grammar School Term ends on Friday, July 4, when the school will leave its present sites (Junior School, Senior School and Lawnswood playing fields) after 138 years of its 445 year history. Michaelmas term will open in the new buildings on the School's new 128-acre site at Alwoodley Gates, on the Harro-gate Road out of Leeds, on Thurs-day. September 11. The Old Leodiensian Association's direct will be held at Cragg Lane on Friday, October 3 and Open Morning will be on Saturday, October 4

#### Greater London Lieutenancy

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple to a dominion, 1910. be Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater

#### **Anniversaries**

Lord Snowdon yesterday in the replanted gardens of Nymans House, his childhood home in Sussex

BIRTHS: George Sand (Amandine Dupin), novelist, Paris, 1804; Louis Bleriot, ploueer aviator, first to fly across the Channel (1909), Cam-brai, France, 1872: Isaac Babel, novelist. Odessa, 1894: Charles Laughton, actor, Scarborough, 1899; Sir Seretse Khama, 1st Presi-dent of Botswana 1966-80. Serowe,

Bechvanaland, 1921. DEATHS: John Bradford, Protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, London. 1985; Allan Pinkerton, founder of the American detective ounder of the American detective agency. Chicago, 1884; Harriet Beecher Stowe, novelist, Hartford, Connecticut, 1896; George Watts, painter, Compton, Surrey, 1904; Erik Satie, composer, Paris, 1924; Juan Peron, President of Argentina 1946;55 and 1973;24; Busen Abese 1946-55 and 1973-741. Buenos Aires.

The Battle of the Boyne was fought, when the forces of King William III defeated those of King James II, 1690. Registration of births, marriages and deaths became effective, 1837. The dominion of Canada was established, 1867.

The Union of South Africa became The first Battle of the Somme

#### Society of Young

Freemen Mr Alderman and Sheriff Clive H. Martin has been appointed President of the Society of Young Freemen for the ensuing year. Mr Michael V. Cooper has been elected chairman and Miss Vicki Hill, vice-chairman.

#### Election

Damaged trees near the summerhouse at Nymans after the storm of October 1987

Royal Society of Health Or Bashir Qurestri has been elected Chairman of the Council of the Royal Society of Health.

Legal appointments Judge George Bathurst Norman Succeed Judge Burler. QC, as a Senior Circuit Judge. He will sit in this capacity at Southwark Crown Court from July 8.

David Christopher John Paget, QC, to be a circuit judge assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

#### Retirements

Judge Agliomby and Judge Howe retired yesterday from the South

## **Forthcoming**

**Hong Kong** A huncheon, attended by serving and retired Royal Navy, RNVR and RNR personnel who had previously served in Hong Kong, was held onboard HMS President

yesterday. A toast was made to the future of the former colony and a telephone link-up took place after the lunchess. Captain R. Garnons-Williams, Captain R.W. Moland, Captain T. Collins, Captain C. Gotto and Captain P. Dalrymple-Smith, for-mer Captains in Command of

RN, RNVR

and RNR,

HMS Tamar, were among those on Sunday, personnel who had served in HMS Tamar and in Hong Kong waters met for divine service in the Royal Naval Chapel, Greenwich and attended a luncheon afterwards. In the evening, Vice-Admiral Sir James Eberte vice-Admiral Sir James Exerne was the guest of honour at a Hong Kong dinner held onboard HMS President, by permission of the Commanding Officer. Lieutenant-Commander A.J. McPhail pre-

Funds generated by the events were donated to the Hong Kong Sea Cader Corps.

#### Luncheons

Caledovian Club The Caledonian Club held a huncheon yesterday at 9 Halkin Street to mark the change of sovereignty of Hong Kong. Mr A.G.B. Young. chairman, presided. The Pin-striped Highlanders entertained the guests with a selection of music composed by the Scots Guards Pipers in Hong Kong in 1927.

Rotary Club of London Mr Bill Cowen, President of the Rotary Club of London, presented the Neville Shulman Rotary charity cup to Mr Tom Lollus at a luncheon held yesterday a the

## marriages

The Hon Timothy Knatchboll and Max L Narman The engagement is announced between Timothy, twin son of Lord Brabourne and Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and Isabella. daughter of Mr and Mrs David Norman, of Burkham, Hampshire, Mr J.S. Butier

and Miss N.J. Kemp The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Butler, of Rubery, Worcestershire, and Newnham, Gloucestershire, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Kemp, of Cowley House, Broadway, Worker William

Mr B.P.W. Durrant The engagement is announced between Benjamin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Tony Durrant, of London, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Terry Gross, of Greenwich, Connecticut. Mr D.St.J. Elliott and Miss G.R. Burges

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr lan Elliott and Mrs Elizabeth Ellion, and Grizelda, younger daughter of Mr Peter Burgess and Mrs Nemone Burgess.

Mr A.J. Fletcher and Mile L.J. Howheren The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr Anthony Flescher and of Mrs Patricia Portway-Flescher, of Winslow, Herefordshire, and Locy, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Hutchinson, of Meonstoke, Hampshire.

#### Marriage Mr R.M. Greenway

The marriage took place in Weybridge, Surrey, on June 7, 1997; of Mr Richard Greenway, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C.N. Greenway, of Rencham, Surrey, to Ms Susan Cain, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.R. Cain, of and Mrs W.B. Cain, Shepperson, Middlesex.

#### Church news

The Rev Michael Collier, Vicar, Hope and Castleton (Derby); to retire November 30. The Rev Eric Hayden, Priest-in-charge, Tilshead, Orcheston and Chitterne (Salisbury): to retire July

The Rev Frederick Kenny, Priest-in-charge, Ashingdon w South Fambridge, and Priest-in-charge, Stambridge (Chelmsford): to retire

Canon David Letcher, Team Vicar, Dorchester Team Ministry (Salis-bury): to retire September 30.

The Rev Jen Lovering Team Minister, Abington Feschcroft Christian Centre (Reumenical) (Oxford): to retire December 31. The Rev Neville Minshall, Rector. All Saints', Worther: Holy Trinity. Hope: All Saints', Shelve: Holy Trinity, Middleton in Chirbury (Hereford): to retire July 31. The Rev David Muston, Rector, Otham w Langley (Canterbury): to

The Rev Peter Naylor, Rector, Ecton, and Warden of Ector House (Peterborough): to retire July 3L

Anne, Limehouse, and Prebendary of St Paul's Catheoral (London): to-retire July 31 and be appointed. Prebendary Emeritus.

The Rev John Repath, Rector of Bewcastle and Stapleton, and Rec-tor of Kirklinton (Carlisle): to retire July 31 on health grounds. The Rev Brian Rice, Social Respon-

sibility Officer, diocese of Dur-ham, w special responsibility for ministry to local government in the (former) County of Cleveland :
(Durham): to retire October 31. Prebendary Ian Robson, Vicar, St. Mary Abbots, Kensington High Street, and Area Dean of Kensing ton (London): to retire August 31. The Rev Leslie Welsh, Incumbent. Wolsingham and Thornley (Dur-ham): to retire November 5.

The Rev Peter Williams, Rector, Great Caldey w Wix and Wrabness (Chelmsford): to retire August 31. Withdrawal of acceptan

The Venerable Michael Bucks, Chaptain of The Fleet, and Direc-tor of General Navy Chaptaincy Services, has withdrawn from the appointment as Team Rector, Shaston Team Ministry (Salis-

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#### They profess to know God but by their actions deny him; they are detestable and dis-obedient. Titus 1: 16 ógentsoff - On June 26th to Élaine (née Douglas) and Alan, a son, Sean Alan. BIRTHS RAIFS - On 15th June at The Portland Hospital, to Betsy and Steve, a daughter, Mesghan Madeline.

Meaghan Madeline. SRRY - On 20th June at The Portland Hospital, to Kurt Berry and Jacqueline Francis, a son, Evan, a brother for Benjamin.

lier Anne-Sophie,
ROMME - On June 27th, to
Etizabeth and Shaun a son,
Mugo Dominick, a brother
for Ophelia and Katya.
CHIMAH - On 16th June at The
Portland Bernini, to Linca
and John, a beautiful
daughter Georgina Etinor. Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, to Michelle (née Harradence) and Martin, a ton jarvis. DUFFEY - On june 21st at The Hornital, to Belma

Portland Borpital, to Belma and Noville, a son, James Frederick Alexander, a Incident for Marthers.

Portland Hospital, to Dave and Peggy, a son, Asdna Gallaghan, a brother for Mairied and Lie.

BLUOTT - on 27th june 1997 Hospital to Helen and Richard a daughter Molly Seatrice. AUL - On June 18th at The Pertiand Suspital to Anieda Mattee and Ajay Kaul, a daughter, Shantika, a sister

KELLER - On june 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Sara and Ed, a son Christopher Hout.

HORRER - On June 19th at The Purtland Hospital, to Pauls and Neil, a daughter Lauren. PCLIAM - On June 12th as The Portland Hospital, to Brian and Eva, a daughter, Sophie, a gister for Adam. a parett for Assam.

DOMES - On June 17th at The
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BLETCHLY - Suddenly Francis Edward John. Son of the late John and Pen, brother of Arthur Francis Savice at 5: Dunstan's Church, Monks Bisborough on Thursday July 3rd at 1 lam. Flowers to LY. Ossa, 01276 82041.

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THAY - On June 23rd at the Portland Hospital, to Maria (wie Diss Del Rio Ascazzo) and Richard, a son, Victor Robert.

WHEELER - On Thursday June 26th 1997, in Jersey, to Anne-Marie (née Stuart-King) and Abdrew, a son, Alexander Charles John Brand Williams - On June 16th at the Portland Hospital, to Karen (née Gray) and Sean, a son Harry Russell Wife - On May 15th, in Pertis, Western Australia, to Antonia (née Sidiey) and Tim, a daughter, Nina Elizabeth, a sister for Bautsen

ACKROYD - Guy Whipp. At home on 30th rune aged 69. Chambed involund of Anne and much loved father of Feter, Town David and Alco. Funcail at a Feter and and account of Friday 4th July at 1 pm. Enquiries to; David Tingle 01636 892503 / 0850 874248

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FRANKLAND - Constance Marie Lesley on June 27th 1997 at Shine Home, Lyme Regis. Dearly loved and loving mother of Mary and Ann and the late Tony, mother-in-law, grandsouther and great grandmother. Francial service at R. Mary S. Chuch, Veylenbury, Decomon Thursday 3rd July at 2.30yza. Family flowers. Enquiries to A J Wakely & Sone U1297 443835.

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Webtohl - Sarak on 28th June, peacefully in Hospital, aged 53 after a courageous seven year fight against cancer. Much loved wife of The for 32 years and devoted mether of joussi, Amma and Cristina. Rumfly funeral, no flowers please, but donations if desired to Canter Pails Machine of Thunkspring for her life on Saturday 26th July 1997 at 11.30 am All Saints Church, Campbell Road, Twichesbare.

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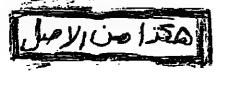
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#### **OBITUARIES**

## MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM ODLING

Major-General William Odling, CB, OBE, MC, former Chief-of-Staff Far East Land Forces, died on June 22 aged 88. He was born on June 8, 1909.

ill Odling won his Military Cross during the British invasion of Madagascar in May 1942. He commanded the Royal Artillery in the task force charged with wresting control of the island from the Vichy French in order to protect the Cape route and the Indian Ocean from the Japanese.

Starting out with only ten guns, he built up a total of 80. improvising crews to man those captured from the French. Then after his main observation post had been destroyed and its signallers had been killed, he personally reorganised the batteries, racing from one location to another by motorcycle and boat. The citation for the MC he was awarded for his leadership read: "The energy, efficiency, amazing mobility and disregard for his personal safety shown by Acting Lieutenant-Colo-nel Odling did more than anything else to make the limited and mixed artillery units work to the complete satisfaction of the infantry commanders,"

But Odling had several close shaves. One night he was on his way to see the admiral on board the

battleship Ramillies in the harbour at Diego Suarez in northern Madagascar when the battleship and a merchantman nearby were torpedoed in front of him by a Japanese two man submarine in one of the most daring midget submarine exploits of the entire war. The tanker sank and Ramillies was severely damaged.

Odling, who had also won congratulations from Scotland Yard two years before by apprehending a German spy masquerading as a Naafi inspector, was selected after his return from Madagascar to join the planning team for D-Day. He crossed the Channel himself towards the end of June 1944, and was subsequently given command of an experimental anti-aircraft regiment equipped with 54 Oerli-kon three-barrelled guns, each mounted on a three-ton truck. They successfully protected the crossing of the Nijmegen bridge, next to Arnhem, and spent some time near Antwerp shooting down V-1 "doo-

In March 1945 he was ordered to range his guns along the Rhine to help secure the Allied crossing against not only German aircraft but also their infantry, artillery, and floating mines. He distributed nearly 1,000 shovels and half-adozen grindstones, and marshalled every driver, clerk and cook, to help the gun crews hone the shovels razor-sharp before digging the

dle-bugs" near their launch sites.

guns and their trucks into the hard ground. By dawn only one gun, positioned on rock, was above ground. That gun, together with its crew, was the only one lost in the ensuing action — in which six decorations for gallantry were won by Odling's men.

William Odling, who was himself mentioned in dispatches, was born at St Peter Port, Guernsey, where his father, an army officer, was serving at the time. But the family's roots were in Lincolnshire, where the Odlings were thought to have come over with the Vikings.

But in the more recent past there was no strong martial presence in his background. Both of Bill Odling's grandfathers were Oxford dons, and a great-grandfather on his mother's side was the 19th-century composer Sterndale Bennett - friend and protege of Mendelssohn and Schumann. His own father had been an Oxford undergraduate lured into the Army by the promise of a commission in the Boer War. It was generally assumed, how-

ever, that Bill Odling would become a soldier. Accordingly, he passed from Wellington College. where he was unhappy, to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, before being commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1929. He spent most of the 1930s with the Royal Horse Artillery in India.

which he loved. He played polo,



raced in steeplechases, won prizes for pig-sticking, and rode around the jungle on an elephant. He was mornified on his return in 1938 to find himself posted to Stockport. then to Rhyl,

After the war he steadily climbed towards the top. In 1948 he was posted to Egypt, in the headquarters of Middle East Land Forces, from where he took full advantage of the chance to travel. This was

followed by nearly two years in Hong Kong.

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While in the War Office in London in the early 1950s, he was dispatched briefly to Algiers to help organise relief for British soldiers and their families, rescued from the troop ship Windrush after she

caught fire in the Mediterranean. While serving as a brigadier on the staff of Eastern Command in Hounslow between 1959 and 1961. he "flabbergasted" the Women's Royal Army Corps by discharging some two dozen lesbians - an afternoon's work which would provoke even greater reverberaions today.

Promoted to major-general. Odling left for Singapore in 1901 to take charge of administration within Far East Land Forces for a year, before taking over as Chief of Staff. Confrontation with Indonesia in Borneo began while he was there. After leaving the Army in 1904.

Odling devoted the rest of his life to voluntary work. He also chaired two committees for the Ministry of Defence, producing two "Odling Reports" which helped to draw demarcation lines between the responsibilities of several regi-

ments and corps.

He worked for, among other organisations, the Royal Association for the Deaf and Dumb, his parish church and the Chelmsford diocese, Essex conservation groups and his local Conservative associa-

tion. Still more conspicuously, he helped to establish the English Speaking Union's Eastern Counties organisation and launched its very successful speaking competition for schools. He became a Deputy Lieutenant for Essex in 1975.

Odling had a strong, outgoing personality and abundant energy. He tended to tell people (including his superiors) what he thought and not necessarily what they wanted to hear. He had a great sense of fun, liked practical jokes and quickly became the focal point of any party.

He was an accomplished sailor who frequently crossed the North Sea in his 27ft boat, and once even sailed to Finland. A purist, he kept strictly to sail and only reluctantly ever used the engine. He had served as commodore of the Atalan-ta (Yacht) Owners Association. Another hobby was bricklaying, a skill he had learnt on his resettlement course before leaving the Army. He personally rebuilt the Home Barn beside his 600-year-

He met his wife Margaret while in hospital in India with a poisoned finger. The man in the bed next to him had become engaged to her sister, who subsequently effected introductions. They married in 1939, and she survives him, as do two daughters and a son.

old house near Colchester, which

had been damaged by a V-I during

#### VISCOUNT YOUNGER OF LECKIE

fied distraction from shooting.

contempt for politicians rubbed off on the son, al-

though at New College, Ox-

ford, where he went after

Winchester, he became keenly

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Edward George Younger, 3rd Viscount Younger of Leckie, died on June 25 aged 90. He was born on November 21, 1906.

EDWARD YOUNGER Was born into what is sometimes called the Scottish beerocracy those families who made their original fortunes in brewing and played a leading role in public life, either as politicians or benefactors. But the political gene missed him and he sat in the House of Lords, which he attended regularly, as a crossbencher.

Although he might not have called himself a Tory, he did exemplify the party's older-"One Nation" values. He was a Keynesian with little time for the doctrines of the radical-Right and thought that the privileges of social leadership were accompanied by responsibilities that could not be discarded even when they were burdensome.

During the war he proved himself a brilliant staff officer. boardroom career in brewing on a matter of principle and

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getic in his forestry, his public duties as Lord-Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk and his diverse charmable interests.

"Teddy" Younger's grandfather, the 1st Viscount whose name lives on in the label of in the 18th century, was an MP and active politician. His thereafter lived out of the father, the 2nd Viscount, limelight, but remained ener- thought politics an undigni-

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colonel. Even in adversity, at the beginning of the war, he demonstrated presence of mind and resourcefulness. His regiment, the 7th Argyll

and Sutherland Highlanders. was cut off by Panzers west of Dieppe. As a staff captain he happened to be on a motorcycle taking a message to brigade headquarters. He was able to escape from Le Havre with the Ark Force and helped to organise the recovery of some arms. The first his family knew of his safe return was when he phoned home from Gailes Camp, Troon.

height of his powers, and he

showed an unusual gift for

staff work: not many TA

officers rose to the rank of full

He was appointed OBE (mil) in 1940 and thereafter served under Major-General Douglas Wimberley and then General Sir Alan Cunningham in Northern Ireland. He showed all the virtues required of a staff officer industry, mastery of detail. personal charm, straight dealences in Northern Ireland left him with a pessimistic view of attempts to secure peace.

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forestry. At the same time he was absorbed in the Byzantine politics of the then highly fragmented Scottish brewing industry, undergoing rapid and painful structural change. It was the age of the big

battalions: a string of local breweries, including his own George Younger of Alloa and other honoured old names like Murrays, Aitkens and Fowlers, came together in a federation that was transmuted. under the reorganising influence of Caledonian and then Tenent Caledonian, into straight amalgamation.

and the family estates at

Leckie near Stirling. For a

time he concentrated on dairy

farming, before switching to

beef and arable and, later, to

in 1962 the new directors decided that the Alloa brewery should close. Younger felt this was a betrayal of promises to the local workforce. He considered his position carefully. His son George, later Margaret Thatcher's Defence Secretary and subsequently the life peer Lord Younger of Prestwick, advised him against resignation. But resign he did, quietly and without fuss.

He devoted the rest of his life to his family, his public duties as Lord-Lieutenant and to membership of the House of

He was particularly upset in 1972 when, in an epilogue to the student unrest which had shaken Europe, demonstrations took place during a visit by the Queen to Stirling University. Students shouted slogans and banged on windows; he thought their conduct not only deplorable but unforgiveably rude and, as the Queen's host for the day, held himself in some way accountable.

He now devoted his talents to the charitable sector. He was a trustee of the Nuffield Foundation and chairman of the Scottish Multiple Scierosis Society. He was also active in the charity Crossroads, which cares for the chronically ill.

Although himself not enamoured of politics, he watched with great interest the careers first of his brother Kenneth Younger, who served as Minister of State under Ernest Bevin at the Foreign Office in 1950-51, and then of his son George, who was to become, first, Scottish Secretary and then Defence Secretary.

His wife Evelyn McClure died in 1983. He is survived by Lord Younger of Prestwick, his heir who now succeeds to the viscounity, and by two other sons and a daughter.

#### VITTORIO MUSSOLINI

Vittorio Mussolini, son of the Italian Fascist leader. died in Rome on June 12 aged \$1. He was born in Millan in 1916.

THE career of Vinorio Mussolini was of a piece with that moral myopia to which Italians are prone when it comes to contemplating their role in the events leading up to and including the Second World War. He had bombed Ethioplan tribesmen with relish. He flew for Franco in the Spanish Civil War. He was an unashamed apologist for Nazism and after 1943 spent most of the rest of the war comfortably in Germany. Latterly he had spent much of his time trying to restore his father's reputation in a stream of books and

articles. In Italian eyes these unpala table facts are somehow redeemed because of his contribution to the cinema, through his scriptwriting and directing activities, and his editorship of the magazine Cinema. He to the race laws passed by his father - though in his position that was not, presumably, a very hazardous thing to have done. Certainly his claim that Mussolini never knew about Hitler's programme of genocide against the Jews must be

dismissed as ludicrous. Vittorio Mussolini was Benito Mussolini's eldest son. He was reputedly the intellectual of the family, and his privileged position as the Duce's son enabled him to indulge a passion for films which gripped him from an early age. As a teenager he organised daily showings of the latest offerings from the cinema at the Mussolini family home, the Villa Torionia in Rome. As a young man he took a

commission in the Italian Air

Force and served as a bomber. pilot during Italy's campaign to subjugate Abyssinia in 1935. In his memoirs he describes his glee at observing the devastating effect of the antipersonnel bombs he dropped on groups of tribesmen. The 1938 film Luciano Serra, Pilota, which he co-scripted with Goffredo Alessandrini and Roberto Rossellini, was a homage to the "bravery" of Italian pilots in that one-sided conflict. Vittorio also founded a production company and backed documentaries by Rossellini as well as Vittorio de Sica's first film Rose Scarlatte (1939).

But he retained his air force commission, flying missions on the Nationalist side against the Republicans in Spain during the Civil War. He also, as befitted the playboy son of Italy's dictator, took part in a prewar run of the famous Mille Miglia (thousand mile) country's roads. But his chief claim to fame in this period is his editing of the magazine Cinema, in which to his credit, he gave space to a wide range of political and cultural opiníon.

During the Second World War he continued with these activities, but after the fall of the Mussolini regime and the arrest of his father in the wake of the Allied invasion of Sicily in 1943, he was invited to Germany by Hitler. From Rastenburg, the Führer's East Prussian headquarters, he set up a propaganda station which broadcast to the Italian people, exhorting them to continue to resist the Allies.

When One von Skorzeny's Waffen SS troops daringly rescued Mussolini from his mountain-top prison and spirited him to Germany, Vittorio was waiting at Rastenburg to welcome his father. He returned with him to Italy late in 1944 to help him to establish the last-ditch puppet republic of Salo on the shores of Lake Garda.

At the end of the war he was lucky not to be captured like his father: as the Allies advanced towards the Alpine passes he escaped on one of the last convoys of cars to elude pursuit. On April 36, 1945, the Duce was captured with his mistress. Clara Peracci, by Italian partisans at Lake Como. The pair were unceremoniously executed two days later and their bodies taken to Milan where they were hung upside down on meat hooks in one of the city's

In 1947 Vittorio thought it politic to leave Italy for South America. He went first to Argentina where he became South American correspondent for the newspaper // Secolo d'Italia and subsequently ran several restaurants. But in 1959 he felt it safe to return to Italy. He had kept in contact with the leaders of its neo-Fascist Movimento Sociale d'Italia and, settling in northern Italy, devoted himself to trying to rehabilitate his father, through a number of books, notably, the disingenu-ous memoir Vita col Padre ("Life with Father"), which appeared in 1957.

Vittorio Mussolini is survived by his second wife Monica, and by four children of his first marriage.



Benito Mussolini in 1935, with his sons Vittorio, right, and Bruno

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#### WHO BREAKS A BUTTERFLY ON A WHEEL?

MR. JAGGER has been sentenced to imprison-ment for three months. He is appealing against conviction and sentence, and has been granted bail until the hearing of the appeal later in the year. In the meantime, the sentence of imprison-ment is bound to be widely discussed by the public. And the circumstances are sufficiently unusual to warrant such discussion in the public intensit. MR. JAGGER was charged with being in

possession of four tablets containing amphetonine sulphate and methyl amphetamine hydrochloride: these tablets had been bought, perfectly legally, in Italy, and brought back to this country.

They are not a highly dangerous drug, or in proper desage a dangerous drug at all ...

In Britain, it is an offence to possess these drugs without a doctor's prescription MR JAGGER's doctor says that he knew and had guthorised their use but he did not give a prescription for

their use, but he did not give a prescription for them as indeed they had already been purchased. His evidence was not challenged. This was therefore an offence of a technical character, which, before this case drew the point to public attention, any honest man might have been liable

JUDGE BLOCK directed the jury that the approval of a doctor was not a defence in law to the charge of possessing drugs without a prescription and the jury convicted. MR. JAG

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July 1, 1967

**些效果的** This leader by the then Editor William

Rees-Mogg caused considerable comment: there were days when the majority of letters were devoted to it. The Court of Appeal quashed Jagger's sentence.

GER was not charged with complicity in any other drug offence that occurred in the same

We have, therefore, a conviction against MR. JAGGER purely on the ground that he possessed four liahan pep pills, quite legally imported without a prescription. Four is not a large number. This is not the quantity which a pusher of drugs would have on him, nor even the quantity one would expect in an addict. In any case, MR. JAGGER's career is obviously one that does involve great personal strain and exhaus-tion; his doctor says that he approved the occasional use of these drugs, and it seems likely that similar drugs would have been prescribed if there was a need for them.

One has to ask, therefore, how it is that this technical offence, divorced as it must be from other people's offences, was thought to deserve

the penalty of imprisonment.

The normal penalty is probation, and the purpose of probation is to encourage the offender to develop his career and to avoid the drug risks in the future. It is surprising therefore that JUDGE BLOCK should have decided to sentence MR. JACGER to imprisonment and particularly surprising as MR. JACGER's is about as mild a drug case as can ever have been brought before

It would be wrong to speculate on the JUDGE's reasons which we do not know. It is however, possible to consider the public reaction. There are many people who take a primitive view of the matter, what one might call a pre-legal view of the matter. They consider that MR. JACGER has "got what was coming to him" They resent the anarchic quality of the Rolling Stones' perfor-mances, dislike their songs, dislike their influence on teenagers and broadly suspect them of

decadence, a word used by Miss Monica Furlong in the Daily Mail.

As a sociological concern this may be reasonable enough, and at an emotional level it is very understandable, but it has nothing at all to do with the case. One has to ask a different question: has MR JAGGER received the same treatment as he would have received if he had not been a famous figure, with all the crincism and resentment his celebrity has aroused?

#### NEWS

#### Chinese promise to preserve law

■ Britain yielded Hong Kong, its most successful modern colony, to the Government of China in ceremonies which were by turns extra-ordinarily emotional and austere.

In the end, the handover from capitalist to communist state was carried through faultiessly and Britain got the assurances it sought. President Jiang Zemin committed his country to "unswervingly administer" the joint agreement between the two countries and to preserve Hong Kong's previous social system and its laws fundamentally unchanged ......... Pages 1-4

#### Blair warning over Hong Kong's future

■ Tony Blair gave a warning to Chinese leaders that Hong Kong would be "destroyed" if Beijing did anything to undermine the Joint Declaration. The Prime Minister said that he viewed the next few months with "trepidation"....... Page 2

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Hospitals will be able to handle only emergencies this winter. with seriously ill patients touring the country in ambulances to find intensive care beds ..... Pages 1. 6

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Newly-released files tell the full story of one of the most dramatic incidents of the Second World War, the SOE mission to kidnap a German general......Page 8

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Low levels of literacy and numeracy have a damaging impact on almost every aspect of adult life, according to a survey which offers evidence of a developing underclass ....

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A redundant power station may be used to burn hundreds of thousands of tonnes of BSE-infected carcasses, turning them into

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The longest surveillance operation ever mounted by British Customs was revealed as 13 people faced sentence in connection with

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President Berisha of Albania accepted his Democratic Party's overwhelming defeat by its Socialist rivals, whose leader Fatos Nano looks certain to become the new head of state ...... Page 16

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The Gaullists were plunged into fresh disarray after reports that Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the National Front, has been dining senior figures .... .... Page 16

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Paula Jones has received a startling blow to her attempt to bring sexual harassment charges against President Clinton with the revelation that Arkansas state troopers lied about his sexual

#### Players complain about Centre Court

■ Wimbledon admitted concern over the state of the Centre Court after complaints by leading players following weeks of heavy rain. Pete Sampras, Boris Becker and Tim Henman said the surface was less firm than on the neighbouring No 1 Court and the former women's finalist Jana Novotna claimed that the grass was "badly damaged"...



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Was it just a black day for the noble art of human combat, a betrayal of the style and spirit of the Queensbury rules? Perhaps it would be more honest to face the fact that boxing is not noble at all, but a ferocious expression of human bestiality which revives all the instincts of man's prehistoric behavlour — including cannibalism. it: - La Stampa, Turin | British Lions' victory....... Page 23

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There will be no more transfers of sovereignty. It is time now that the old ideals of Empire were properly applied to the territories where Britain holds sway \_\_\_\_ Page 23

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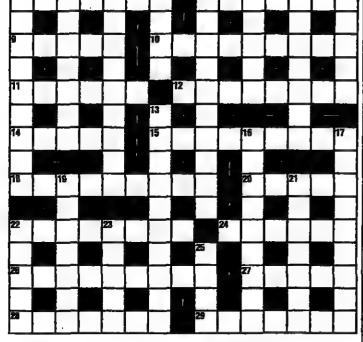
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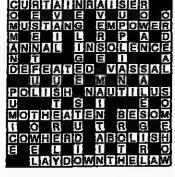


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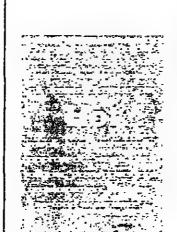
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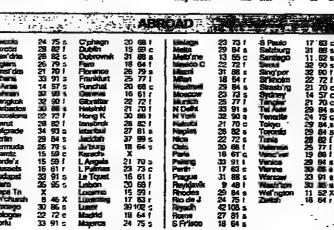
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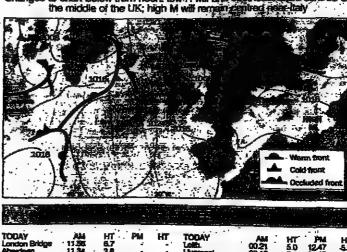


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## Littlewoods rethink after sale talks break down



BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

LITTLEWOODS, the privately-owned stores to football pools business, has abandoned plans to sell its 135 high street stores after talks with Kinglisher, the owners of Wool-worths and Corner, broke down over price and conditions attached to the proposed sale.
Littlewoods's revised plans envis-

age the sale of 35 of its high street properties. James Ross, chairman, said this would result in an unspecified number of job losses. The stores currently employ 10,000 people.

Mr Ross said: "Any deal is about

price, price and price." It is believed that Kingfisher wanted to pay no more than £500 million, while Littlewoods had been hoping to raise up to £600 million from the sale.

At the insistence of the Moores

family, which owns the company, Littlewoods said the chain should be sold as a going concern in order to protect jobs. Kingfisher would have been compelled to guarantee job security and maintain the Littlewoods name. Its talks with Littlewoods were on and off throughout because of the conditions. Retailers including Tesco, Boots, Marks & Spencer and Next are now

expected to table offers for individual stores. Kingfisher is also expected to bid for some stores to add to its Woolworths and Superdrug chains.

Mr Ross would not say how much the company hopes to raise from the limited store sales now planned, but he said that any cash would be reinvested in the remaining, smaller high street outlets. They will be an average 10,000 to 15,000 sq ft in size and on no more than two floors. They will concentrate on ladieswear and Littlewoods's own Berkertex brand. The stores may even be rebranded as Berkertex.

Littlewoods also announced vester-

executive. Barry Gibson, group retail director of BAA, will start the job on September I. Before BAA, Mr Gibson worked for Burton Group and, in the Seventies, for Littlewoods. He will be replaced at BAA by Brian Collie, the retail director of UK airports. Mr Ross, who has been working full time as chairman and acting chief execu-

tive, will become part-time chairman. The company remains committed to buying the Freemans catalogue business from Sears. It is waiting to hear from the Department of Trade and industry on whether the deal may go ahead. The Monopolies and

Mergers Commission is due to report to the DTI by July 21, but Mr Ross said that he does not expect to hear the final decision until September. He said the company remains confident that the takeover will be allowed

to go ahead.

Mr Ross said that if the Freemans deal is also blocked, Littlewoods plans to launch some direct mail catalogues. The company is also looking to expand its leisure business so it is less dependant on the struggling football pools side, which has been hit by the National Lottery.

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# Beckett gets tougher with utility groups

THE President of the Board Beckett said: "These are essenof Trade has launched a tial industries operating in thorough review of utility

Just 48 hours before Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, was people need at the kind of due to relieve utilities of billions of pounds through the windfall tax. Margaret Beckett said she wanted greater : review will address wide-spread public concern about government policy is likely to high charges, poor service and become tougher and more excessive pay for directors of

Mrs Beckett said she was determined there should be a better balance between customers and shareholders and that regulators must be more accountable to all stakeholders for the way they conduct set to make their business:

Mrs Beckett's review will target gas, electricity, telecoms and water. A separate investigation by John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, willlook at transport

The whole framework of regulation could be changed as the Government seeks to tackle concerns that have plagued the utilities since they were privatised. A vast range of issues will be on the table for scrutiny, ranging from the pricing formula that determines bills to executive pay and dividends

The Government has endorsed competition among rates. The Centre for the utility suppliers but is keen to underpin competitive markets with fresh obligations on companies and regulataors to ensure protection for lowincome households. Mrs average of 11 per cent.

very important areas of our economy and they have to deliver the kind of service prices they can afford to pay."

The wide compass of the review, which will be conducted by government officials, protection for consumers. The will trigger fears among cominterventionist. Mrs Beckett Jenneo ine leviem modiki kei to more government control, saying: "They are private sec-

#### Severn Trent £134m payout

SEVERN TRENT yesterday shunned political sensitivities to outline plans for a £134 million return to shareholders through a reorganisation of its share capital yesterday. Other companies, notably

Southern Electric, are prepar-

ing handouts to their shareholders after tomorrow's Budget. Most electricity and water groups have handed back cash, with the total exceeding E3 billion in seven years.
This has given shareholders returns far above market Study of Regulated Industries says that since privatisaton the average return on electricity shares has been 38 per cent

per year against a market

tor companies. But they are in a unique position because the services and goods they supply are of enormous importance. We are not talking about the Government taking control by the back door but we are talking about taking a long, cool look at whether there are changes and improvements we can make."

Mrs Beckett said the windfall tax to be announced in tomorrow's Budget should be seen as retrospective while her utilities operate in future.

The Government will implement changes to utility governance that will give greater emphasis to consumer interests. Regulatory bodies could be fused, especially the offices of the electricity and gas watchdogs, but Mrs Beckett doubts the wisdom of creating a super-regulator in charge of all utilities. The DTI-led review will work with other departments and take several months, leading to publication of a Green Paper on regula-

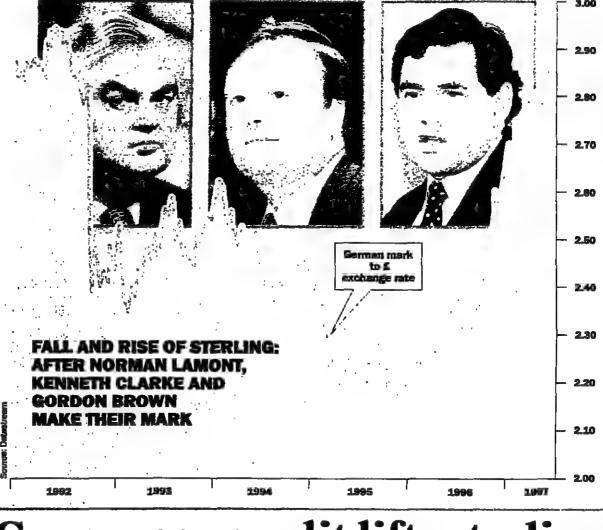
Regulators all broadly welcomed the review. Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, said there was a need to clarify the relationship between the Government and the regulators over responsibilities and accountability. John Redwood, Shadow President of the Board of Trade, said utilities had been

threatened with "more regula-

tory hassie" and that they

would face greater burdens.

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## Consumer credit lifts sterling

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

THE pound stormed to a post-ERM high yesterday after the latest monetary data pointed to a continuing surge in consumer spending.

The pound closed up more

than a pfennig against the mark at DM2.8990, having at one stage during the day cleared the psychologically important barrier of DM2.90 to reach DM2.9070. Sterling's trade-weighted index hit a sixyear high, rising 0.3 to 102.1 The pound was boosted by

crease on record. Total personal lending increased [3.1 billion with mortgage lending, which rose by £2 billion, growing at its strongest rate since last autumn. The latest narrow money

May, the second-largest in-

supply data, which was also released yesterday, pointed to the consumer spending spree continuing into June. MO rose 0.6 percentage points, taking the annual rate to 6.3 per cent. The less volatile notes and coins data showed an annual rise of 6.2 per cent.

Economists said the new data would add to fears that consumer demand growth is accelerating as a result of the building society windfall payours. Adam Cole, UK econo-

mist at James Capel, added that there was no evidence that consumers were using windfalls to pay off debt, with repayments actually falling in

Currency analysis said that the market is betting that any tax rises in the Budget will be insufficient to stop the Bank of England making further interest rate rises and the pound looks destined to hit DM3 in the near future. Sterling also continues to

profit from the renewed bout of uncertainty over European monetary union. Traders were switching to the "sale haven" currencies of the pound and the dollar yesterday after Chancellor Kohl and his CSU coalition partners publicly fell out over the terms of entry for a single currency and the latest French unemployment statistics showed the biggest jump for four years.

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#### **NatWest** request rebuffed

By ROBERT MILLER

THE Takeover Panel has rejected calls from NatWest Group to force Barclays to make a statement on whether it intends to launch a bid for NatWest.

After more than a week of intense market speculation that Barclays was about to bid for NatWest, Alistair Defriez, director-general of the Takeover Panel, said yesterday: "No party has incurred an obligation to make a statement under the code".

NatWest has been concerned that continuing speculation over the bank's future, after it emerged that tentative merger talks with Abbey National had broken down, is affecting staff. customers and shareholders.

Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of NatWest, has invited fund managers to meet him over the next six weeks. Among those expected to attend are Legal & General, Mercury Asset Management, the Pru-dential and M&G.

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## ProServ merges with Marquee

PROSERV, the sports market- bined company will be the ing agency that manages Greg Rusedski, the British tennis player, has been taken over in a deal that values the holding of the founder, Donald Dell, at McCormack.

\$15 million. In the deal ProServ is merging with Marquee Group, a Nasdaq-listed group which owns two other firms in the field - Sports Marketing & Television International and Atheletes & Artists. The com-

world's second-largest sports marketing organisation, it will rival IMG, the famous organisation run by Mark

The ProServ-Marquee deal is part of the consolidation in the sports marketing business which earlier this year saw Interpublic, the huge US advertising group, buy control of APA, the sports marketeer that was built up by Alan Pascoe, the former British

ProServ was founded by Mr Dell, a Yale law graduate, in 1970 when he retired as captain of the US Davis Cup tennis team. His first two clients were his team-mates Arthur Ashe and Stan Smith, who both want on to win

Since then the group has specialised in tennis and basketball. It discovered Michael Jordan and negotiated his multimillion-dollar deal with Nike, although Mr Dell's former parmer, David Falk, now represents the basketball star. Among its current clients

are Gabriella Sabatini, who recently signed a German perfume deal after retiring from professional tennis, the French Open tennis championships and the Breeders Cup, one of the world's most lucra-

## **Temporary solution at Andersens**

ANDERSEN WORLDWIDE, the world's largest accounting and consulting organisation, has a temporary solution to its management problems.

Members of the 27-strong management board, meeting in New York, agreed to elect the chairman of the board. W. Robert Grafton, as acting chief executive of Andersen Worldwide. Mr Grafton, 56, is regional managing partner of Arthur Andersen's South East

US region. He succeeds Larry Weinbach, who steps down at the end of August. The move is intended to

provide partners with a breathing space in which to consider their next move. A highlevel committee will be set up to address "key organisational issues" with a view to producing specific proposals by spring 1998. The election of chief executive will be deferred until then. Andersen

said the action "decouples the CEO electoral process from the separate and distinct process of achieving constructive organisational change." Partners meeting in Paris in April voted in favour of keeping Arthur Andersen under the same umbrella as Andersen Consulting, which broke

The new committee will examine the relationship be-

away from the mainstream

tween the two groupings, and look at ways of sharing costs between them. This forms part of a strategic plan, Andersen 21. agreed in Paris, and intended to be driven forward under the new chief executive. Andersen Worlwide em-

ploys more than 100,000 people in 79 countries. Andersen Consulting generated \$4.9 billion in revenues in the year to August 3i. 1996. Arthur Andersen made \$4.6 billion.

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## Northern Cross backs Eurotunnel refinancing

By JASON NISSE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

EUROTUNNEL yesterday won a massive boost in its battle to gain approval for its 19

billion debt restructuring. Northern Cross, a Bermuda-registered fund speaking for 4 per cent of the company's shares, said it would be voting in favour of the refinancing at next week's extraordinary general meeting. Northern Cross has instructed the proxy voting group, Franklin Global Investors, to pledge its shares in favour of the deal. Franklin had been one of the strongest opponents of the refinancing and had recommended that its clients oppose it. It now looks as

though all Franklin's clients, speaking for about 10 per cent of the company's shares, will support Eurotunnel next week.

Another shareholder group expected to oppose the deal, the Association of Eurotunnel Shareholders, meets tomorrow and may decide to support the company. This will leave one investor group, Adapte, against the refinancing. The move by Northern Cross, which is

managed in Boston, follows presentations by Patrick Ponsolle, the joint chairman of Eurotunnel, to US investors last week. Eurotunnel has also indicated that it would

make concessions in order to secure an extension to its licence to operate the Channel Tunnel beyond 2052. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minster, has issued a blumt warning that he will not be rushed into offering an extension to Eurotunnel's operating concession in advance of the shareholders' meeting.

Mr Prescott has held talks with M Ponsolle and the French Government in an effort to reach an agreement that could be crucial to the to restructuring plans. Mr Prescott is understood to be prepared to offer an extension of more than 50 years when the current concession ends.

However, Mr Prescott insists that he will not move on the issue unless Eurotunnel and the French Government offers

changes to encourage more long-haul rail freight traffic.

Although Mr Prescott is said to sympathise with Eurotunnel's financial problems, one Whitehall official said: "He is aware of the difficult situation that Eurotunnel faces and, of course, he doesn't want Eurotunnel to go to the wall. But July 10 is their deadline, not ours, and we won't move until we are given the assurances we are seeking."

British officials are pressing Eurotunnel to give up some of the passenger train capacity to allow greater freight transport and also calling on the French Government to provide better opportunities for long-haul freight traffic.



Mark Swaby, Brasway chairman, left, and Ken Webb, chief executive, said the hydraulic hose and lubricants firm had been hit in export markets by strong sterling. Brasway made £2.62 million (£2.55 million) pre-tax in the year to May 3. Earnings grew to 2.29p (2.25p), and the total dividend rises to 0.9p (0.83p) via a final 0.59p.

## Lonrho and JCI end talks on full merger

ing director of Lonrho South

Africa, as the lead contact on the state of the talks.

Asked about the discrepancy, a JCl spokesman in Lond-

on said: "I think there are

cracks at the Lourho end [that]

could be worth probing." However, Lonrho denied

there was any difference of op-

inion between Mr Wilkinson

and Nick Morrell, Lonrho's group chief executive.

A full merger between Lonrho and JCI has looked incr-

easingly unlikely since the

first leak of the talks in May. Although Lonrho was, and remains, interested in combining its Duiker coal mining

arm with JCI's Tavistock Collieries, it has shown little en-

thusiasm for a broader union.

in particular, it saw little merit

in surrendering its prized stake in Ashanti Goldfields of

Ghana to Anglo-American Corporation as part of a side deal that would have seen An-

glo sell its 27 per cent stake in Lonrho.

Many observers see Angio,

and its passionate desire to

LONRHO and JCI, the South African mining company. have abandoned talks on a £2 billion merger but were yesterday unable to agree on whether they were still discussing other less ambitious deals.

While Lonrho said negotiations had ended, JCI insisted the companies were still discussing fother possible transactions which could unlock value for shareholders". JCI even suggested this was after an approach from Lonrho. Unusually, its statement named Terence Wilkinson, manag-

#### NU names finance director

Norwich Union, the newly floated life insurer. has promoted Michael Biggs, director of its international division, to group finance director. Mr Biggs, 44, used to work in corporate finance at Morgan Grenfell but has been with Norwich Union for six years.

Analysts said yesterday he had broad experience in management and finance and is regarded as a potential future chief executive. in October he replaces Richard Harvey who will become group chief executive in January when Allan Bridgewater retires.

#### Mulbery up

Mulbery, the leather goods group, lost £1 million of sales after its leather cutting machine broke down at the peak of its main production cycle. Pre-tax profit was E1.68 million (£816,000) in the year to March 31. The maiden dividend is 1.5p. A final 0.75p is due.

#### CMC

A report ("CMC links confirmed by NatWest". May 27) stated that CMC is "under investigation" by the Office of Fair Trading. The OFT is reviewing the subprime lending market as a whole and CMC has not been singled out investigation.

**LEGAL NOTICES** 

#### Regulator extends gas competition

MORE HOUSEHOLDS will soon be able to shop around for gas after the industry regu-lator cleared the way for the next round of competition to 2.6 million homes in Scotland and northeast England (Chris-

gain control of Ashanti, as the motivating force behind JCI's approach to Lonrho. Anglo tine Buckley writes).
Rivals to Centrics, the supply only recently sold a 34.9 per cent stake in JCI as part of part of the former British Gas, South Africa's black empowerwill be able to supply domestic ment initiative. The black gas in those regions from November, the programme rolling out to the rest of Britain by next consortium that bought the shares struggled to finance the purchase at R54.50 a share. JCI's shares have since April. Two million homes in England can already buy gas from a range of suppliers.

slumped to R35.50. Charles Kernot, analyst at Clare Sportiswoode, the regulator, said: "People in the South West and South East. Paribas, said the collapse of the JCI talks was good news with an average gas bill of £325 a year have been able to because it would allow Lonrho to concentrate on the demerger of its non-mining busines-ses in Africa, and the sale of reduce their bills by around 20 per cent by switching supplier. Princess Hotels and other bus-This sort of saving will soon be inesses. Shares in Lonrho fell available to everyone on 4p to 1272 p, far below its own estimate of its net asset value mains gas."

of 163p a share. Dutton-Forshaw, the motor dealer that made £6 million profit in the half-year to March 31, is a leading candidate for disposal, either by flota-US gas company. As Lonrho continues to shed the baggage it acquired under Tiny Rowland, the mining business is increasingly seen as an attrac-

tive takeover candidate.

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### Bank of Scotland in £89m EFT bid

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

BANK OF SCOTLAND has made an 589.6 million bid for EFT Group, the asset finance

and leasing group.
The three founders of EFT each own between I and 2 per cent of the company. Hamish Grossart, the chairman, Ted Black, the managing director, and John Wight, the executive director, each stand to make about 11 million from the deal. The recommended cash

offer of 175p a share is by British Linen Bank, a subsidiary of Bank of Scotland. The bid is part of Bank of Scotland's strategy to diversify and build up profitable niche

The offer was announced after the stock market had closed vesterday. EFT shares were unchanged, at 1342 p. British Linen Bank intends to integrate EFT with its subsidiary. British Linen Leasing. EFT's directors hold a total

of 10 per cent of the company, with Scottish Amicable hold-ing a further 10 per cent and HSBC nearly 7 per cent. EFT specialises in consumer

lending and contract hire. Mr Grossart plans to leave to pursue other interests, but other directors would stay on. The offer from the Bank of Scotland represents a 30 cent premium over the mid-

market price of EFT Group shares at the close of business on June 27. EFT shareholders are also being offered the alternative of

five new ordinary stock units in Bank of Scotland for every

#### Investment club beats the Budget

CONTROVERSIAL TEX A CONTROVERSIAL MA shelter linked to a polo club that boasts the Prince of Wales as its patron, has been launched two days before the Budget, which could outlaw such schemes (Gavin Lumsden writes).

The backers of the Second Insignia Cashbacked Series, an enterprise investment scheme, aim to raise £5 million to invest in companies that will provide corporate entertainment at Beaufort Polo Club near Tetbury in Gloucestershire.

schemes have come under fire for providing a mechanism to escape paying tax. Introduced three years ago, the schemes were supposed to encourage investment in start-up com-panies by offering generous tax breaks, such as exemption from 20 per cent income tax.

### Bonn to sell 35.7% stake in Lufthansa

THE German Government is to sell its remaining stake in the flag carrier Lufthansa this year. The Government owns a 35.7 per cent stake in the airline, which at current market prices would raise between DM4 billion and DM4.5 billion. prices would raise between DM4 billion and DM4.5 billion. The Government has been working on plans to sell the stake as part of efforts to sturink its budget gap and help meet fiscal criteria for the European currency. Matthias Wissmann, the Transport Minister, said a legal change in shareholder rules taking effect today eliminates final obstacles for the planned sale of Lufthansa shares on the stock market.

Last week Deutsche Telekom said it had agreed with the Covernment to speed in privatization of the telecommunica-

Government to speed up privatization of the telecommunica-tions company to raise cash. Under that agreement, a 25 per cent share will be transferred to a government-backed loan agency in two instalments in 1997 and in 1998. The Government is due to present an emergency budget for this year and its 1998 spending plan on July 11.

#### Crown lottery gamble

CROWN LEISURE, the distributor of arcade games, plans to invest in a new lottery system. Crown holds 28 per cent of Inter Lotto, which hopes to set up a network of on-line lottery terminals rivalling the National Lottery. Start-up costs will include a 65 million advertising campaign run by M&C Saatchi. Crown made £370.000 (£312.000) pre-tax in the six months to March 31, with earnings of 2.13p (same) per share. An interim 0.75p (0.51p) is due on July 7.

#### Tops Estates slips

TOPS ESTATES, the specialist investor in city shopping centres, slimmed its portfolio in the year to March 31, centres, slimmed its portions in the year to March 3], leading to its first profits decrease in four years. Profits fell to £2.34 million from £2.54 million, and earnings declined to 3.63p (4.43p) a share. However, disposals helped net asset value rise by 14 per cent to 243p a share; A final dividend of 1.853p, due on October 31, takes the total to 2.558p (2.436p). The shares fell 3p to 181 2p.

#### Molecular mission

OXPORD MOLECULAR, the drug design software com-pany, is to carry out work for Dainippon Pharmacenticals of Japan, for which it will receive an initial fee ongoing Japan, for which it will receive an initial fee, ongoing research fees and milestone payments. Cambridge Combinatorial, Oxford Molecular's recently formed associate, will be involved in the project. Oxford Molecular will design potential drugs for a selected biological target, and Cambridge Combinatorial will then make the compounds.

#### **Profit lifts Coda shares**

SHARES in Coda Group yesterday rose 13 per cent, to 1442 p, as the accounting software company said that it has returned to profit, earning £60,000 before tax (£3.7 million loss) in its first half. After setting its troubled US business back on track, and signing 79 new customers in the six months at April 30, Coda saw earnings per share rise to 0.2p (13.9p.loss): It said business in the US. Europe and Asia is now strong and should stay profitable in the second half. There is again no dividend:

#### Second dealer fined

A SECOND penny-share dealer has been fined £250,000 by Firnbra, the regulator. Park Equity Services, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, was also ordered to pay costs of £68,000 for rule breaches including "failure to have good grounds for believing that its recommendations were suitable for clients". Finbra said the company had failed to obtain and record proper information on clients. Last month, City Equities, a London penny share dealer, was fined £250,000, plus £31,000 costs.

#### TransTec buys Vector

TRANSTEC, the engineering group, has acquired Vector Plastics, the plastic injection moulder, for £18.1 million. The takeover is being funded by a £9 million share placing. Vector had revenues of £51.4 million in 1996 and made a trading profit of £1.7 million. TransTec said that its turnover and profits in the current year are in line with City. expeciations against a background of continuing growth in the automotive and aerospace markets.

#### tion or demerger. Lonrho also DAVID WHELAN, known in wants to sell its 70 per cent of took control of last year. The the North West of England as Hondo Oil & Gas, a quoted new stadium.

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By Jason Nisse

'Mr Wigan' sells JJB shares

"Mr Wigan", yesterday raised £16.9 million from selling shares in JJB Sports, the retailer he founded.

The money is to be used to build a new stadium for Wigan Athletic, the second division football club that he 25,000-seat stadium will house both Wigan Athletic and Orrell the rugby union club. Wigan, the rugby league club, recently sold its stadium at Central Park and is homeless. However, Mr Whelan said that unless Wigan

changes its board he will not

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allow the club to play at the The development will cost The development was cost around £20 million, with the balance coming from the £2 million sale of the old ground and about £1.5 million from

the football trust. Mr Whelan, a former professional footballer who broke his leg playing in the FA Cup final for Blackburn Rovers, sold 3.5 million shares, receiving about 482p

each after commission.
He and his family will retain 55.1 per cent of JJB's shares. He has undertaken not to sell any more in the next

Last month Mr Whelan transferred shares into a trust or the benefit of his grandchildren, a move he said was taken to avoid extra inheri-tance tax, which he expects to be levied in tomorrow's

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ordon Brown's utility tax. ought to draw a line under Labour's long and politically profitable battle against privatisation with the payment of war reparations. Sadly, the war seems destined to

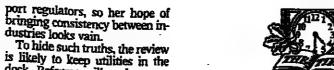
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No one can really blame
Margaret Beckett for meeting Labour's pre-election promise to review regulation. Something must have been learnt in the 13 years since Oftel told BT to make phone boxes work.

A single regulator pitted against a single company breeds high-profile personal conflict, the results of which breed dissatisfaction among consumers. Gas and electricity should be brought together and Ofiel merged into a wider communications regulator. Panels representing consumers, employees and investors could cool passions. Appeals should either become genuine or be accountability of regulators tothe courts and to Parliament.

Realists know, however, that the review cannot satisfy the expectations Labour's pre-election promise was meant to placate. Where holding companies sit above regulated utilties, any selective attempt to control boardroom pay is doomed. John Prescott will not

New generals fight old battles



To hide such truths, the review is likely to keep utilities in the dock. Reforms will prolong uncertainty, will almost certainly burden utility managers with even more detailed controls and will surely accelerate the descent into US-style rate of return controls that Mrs Beckett, like Tory ministers, deplores.
The review will serve little

purpose if it concentrates on the politically stirred conflict between consumers and shareholders. Companies fared well in the years from privatisation to the first price review. Thereafter, regulators proved perfectly able abolished in favour of greater to tilt the balance decisively towards consumers, although Cornish folk would probably have been better off if their water had remained in state hands.

Regulation is failing in three areas. In energy, there is conflict between lower prices to help consumers and higher prices to help the environment Competition in gas and power opens new conflicts between rich consumers who benefit, and poorer



ones, who are left out. A separate review of water pricing will find that charges based on rates or council tax help the poor through cross-subsidy at the expense of economic pricing. Most of all. employees have been squeezed mercilessly between consumers and shareholders. Mrs Beckett is aware of these issues. Her review should focus on them.

#### Anglo's Ashanti game plan fails

A zi Khumalo, the chairzi Khumajo, the chair-man of JCI, was close to Nelson Mandela in the movement to get rid of apartheid. But any negotiating skills he - and the backers who paid R54.50 a share to put him in charge of the old Johannesberg Consolidated as part of the black empowerment movement - may

regime will have been sorely tested in dealings with Lonrho. Even post-Tiny Rowland, the old London and Northern Rhodesian company is a slippery corporate customer in a conti-

nent full of slippery customers.

The end of negotiations aimed at merging Lonrho and JCI will be no surprise to readers of these pages, as the valuation problem has long been highlighted as a

possible deal breaker.

The collapse of JCl's price to yesterday's R35.50 — having stood more than 20 per cent higher when the talks with Lonrho were revealed — only made the merger less likely. But the manner of the break up had Nick Morrell and Sir John Craven in London saying the talks were all off and JCI in Joburg saying there still are

have acquired during the years negotiations about future co-of struggle against the Pretoria operation. Essentially JCl operation, Essentially JCI whose strings are being pulled by the giant Anglo-American is holding out the hope that it can sell its Tavistock coal business to Lonrho in exchange for Lonrho's 33.6 per cent stake in Ashanti, the Ghanajan gold miner. At the same time Anglo will cut its 27 per cent stake in Lonrho to the 10 per cent it is allowed to have after the European Commission became concerned about cartels in

Dream on Anglo. The South
African group has been stalking
the Ashanti stake for long enough for the Lonrho manage ment to know the game. What historically held Anglo back was all the furniture cluttering Lonrho - such as hotels part owned by Libvans. The Ashanti stake is the jewel in Lonrho's crown, and if Anglo wants it then

it will need to find someone to bid for Lonrho and sell the stake to Anglo. To achieve this Anglo needs Sir John and Mr Morrell to finish their clean-up job at Lonrho, a bidder acceptable to the EC and deep pockets.

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#### Trouble in store for Gibson

Barry Gibson must we wondering what on earth he has let himself in for. When he was approached about taking the job of chief executive of Littlewoods, the company was due to sell its high street chain and football pools businesses.

Yesterday, however, within hours of the announcement of his appointment, the dreaded news came from his Littlewoods: talks with Kingfisher were ir-revocably off. Gibson, when he starts on September 1, will be stuck with the unlovely stores that he will remember only too well from when he managed one in the seventies. If he is taking long, lingering looks over his shoulder at his former colleagues at BAA, then who could

blame him? Efforts by Littlewoods to dress up its failure to sell the chain as a "New Strategic Plan" are hardly convincing. Sure, there are buyers for some of the stores. But this only means that Littlewoods will be left with a large number of less appealing properties, while the jobs that the Moores family was

so keen to protect are in jeopardy. From whichever direction you approach Littlewoods, it is in a mess. The stores strategy is in disarray, the purchase of Freemans could yet be blocked by the Government and the pools side has never recovered from the arrival of the National Lottery. For Gibson's sake, let's hope he has a good summer holiday and is ready for the challenge of a lifetime come September.

#### Call to account

AS A former chairman of the Takeover Panel, Lord Alexander of Weedon should have known that the City's oldest self-regulator would not come to the aid of NatWest in its hour of need. Barclays is therefore not being forced to say yea or nay to the idea of it bidding for NatWest, which is a shame. It would be nice to hear Martin Taylor explaining how he would persude his new friends in the Labour Party to let

## Beers sparkle at S&N as leisure division falls flat

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE, still Britain's biggest brewer after the blocking of Bass's acquisition of Carlsberg-Tetley. yesterday announced a 21 per cent rise in annual profits on the back of bigger margins on its main beer brands and booming food sales.

A storming second-half performance from key beers, such as John Smith's and Foster's, and by retail concepts, including Homespreads. and Rat & Parrot, helped to offset 2 10 per cent fall in operating profits of the company's leisure division.

The main culprit in leisure is still the Center Parcs holiday village chain. Eleven of the 14 sites are on the Cominent, at the mercy of the strong pound and weakness in many European economies.

S&N, of which Sir Alistair Grant is chairman, iffted group pre-tax profits before exceptonals in the year to April 27 from £306.2 million to £374.1 forecasts — on turnover 12.8 per cent better at £3.35 billion.

Part of the advance was a result of the first full-year contribution from Courage, acquired in August 1995, and its amalgamation with S&N brewing to form Scottish Courage. The division had a 45.8 per cent rise in operating profits to £177 million. For the second half of the year — when

the figures are comparable -turnover rose 5.7 per cent and profits 28.8 per cent. Brian Stewart, S&N's chief

executive, said the figures showed the benefits of sacrificing volume and, in some cases, market share in the pursuit of higher margins. Mr Stewart said he was pleased by Friday's blocking by Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, of the Bass/Carlsberg-Tetley deal, but played down the long-term implications. "I don't think it's going to make a fundamental difference to the beer market, where the emphasis will continue to be on strong

brands," he said.
In S&N Retail, expansion of concepts such as Old Orleans and Finnegan's Wake helped to lift divisional profits 9 per cent to £171.6 million. The key element was a 13 per cent rise in food sales per outlet.

The benefit of focusing on Brewer brand; bought from art said that it had been taken "back to basics" and relaunched as a pure pubrestaurant brand. S&N managed houses converted to the brand are, on average, tripling turnover. A final dividend of 14.17p.

due on 1 September, makes



#### Granada to replace head of Forte hotels

BY DOMINIC WALSH

PATRICK COPELAND, head of Granada's Forte hotels division, has become the latest victim of the media and leisure combine's pursuit of higher profits. It emerged vesterday that Granada has appointed headhunters to find a replace-

ment for Mr Copeland. hired by Sir Rocco Forte from Inter-Continental Hotels, is the last high-profile link to pre-Granada days. In the wake of last year's sensational £3.9 billion takeover. Forte has lost all its original divisional managing directors.

A company insider said: "Patrick was judged to have done a good job running the business, but was not deemed to be the right man to take the business forward, for example by expanding the Meridien

Leisure sector analysts said the rationale for the move could be found in Granada's last results. "In hotels, like-forup only 8 per cent and in the provinces just 5 per cent." said one. He added that "most companies are seeing doubledigit growth".

It is thought Granada may look outside Britain for a replacement. Mr Copeland, meanwhile, was last night being seen as a possible chief executive at Millennium & Copthorne Hotels.

## Pearson sues over £100m 'black hole' at Penguin

By Eric Reguly and James Bone

PEARSON has filed a civil racketeering lawsuit against a former employee, alleging she conspired to defraud Penguin, its book publishing subsidiary, of least \$1.4 million to fund a lavish lifestyle.

The lawsuit, filed in New Jersey District Court, accused Christina Galatro, the former manager of credits and collections in Penguin's New Jersey office, of conspiring with an outside collection agent to divert Penguin funds for their personal use. Penguin claimed Ms Galatro, whose annual salary was \$80,000, used the illicit funds to buy jewellery,

antiques and Alaskan, Caribbean and European cruises.

Stanley, was also named in the lawsuit, as was Jerome Bedell. the owner of Associated Companies, the collection agency used by Penguin. Penguin has obtained a restitution agreement from Mr Bedell, under which Associated will pay Penguin at least US\$1 million.

Ms Galatro and Mr Bedell were accused of diverting cheques that should have gone to Penguin and of deducting more than Associated's agreed fees for work conducted for

The alleged fraud was uncovered during an investigation into the unauthorised discounts extended by Ms Galatro to book retailers. The discounts were offered in return for early payments and led to a £100 million charge at Penguin earlier this year.

Ms Galatro was fired in February, shortly after the unauthorised discounts were discovered. A colleague in her department has since been suspended. He was not named in the lawsuit.

Penguin claimed unauthorised discounts, which went hidden for five years, were were used in part to hide Galatro's thefts". Ms Galatro would not comment. Her lawyer claimed the company was

looking for a "scapegoar." Penguin said it uncovered Ms Galatro's spending by tracing more than 900 transactions on her corporate credit card.

## Hodgson may launch bid

By Jason Nisse

HOWARD HODGSON, who covered. Mr Hodgson and was ousted as chief executive Christine Pickles, Ronson's of Ronson a month ago, is £13 million deal to take over the company.

The move comes as the lighter and watch manufacturer announced that it lost £2.17 million last year compared with a profit of £2.76 million in 1995 - after writing off £900,000 because of problems reconciling its sales with its debtors.

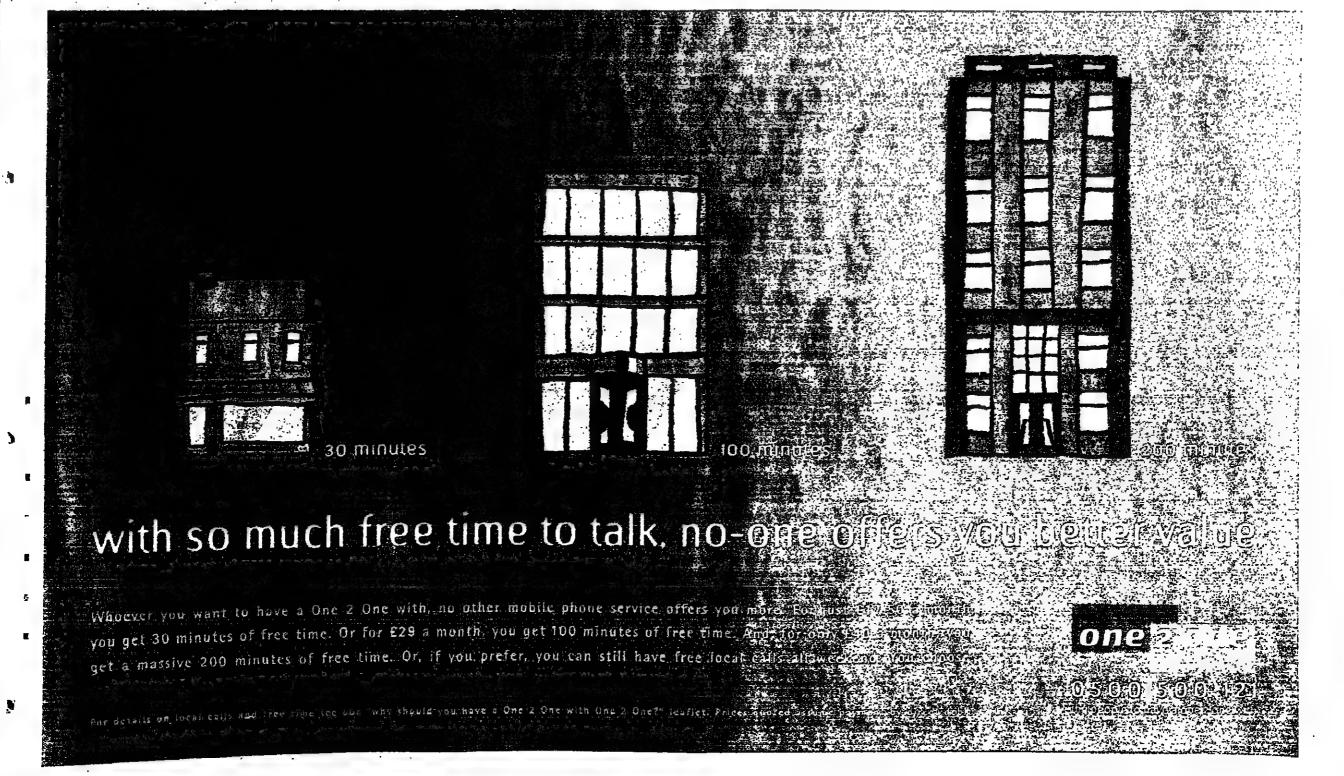
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signed. Though they are technically entitled to compensation of £370.000 for Mr Hodgson and £80,000 for Ms Pickles, a Ronson spokesman said the company would resist any demands for a payoff.

Mr Hodgson is now understood to be attempting to raise money to bid for the company. although he would not confirm this yesterday.

Alan Kilkenny, a director of Ronson, said the company had finance director and Mr found problems with its new difficult filling orders for its products and had to fly in stock from Japan, so destroy ing its profit margins. Work on sorting out these problems should be completed by the end of the year.

Loss per share was 2,33p. compared with earnings of 3.42p, and there is no dividend.





# New York and London shaken by rate fears

A LAST minute bout of pre-Budget nerves produced a volatile performance that had investors heading for the exit. After losing an opening lead

of 22 points, the equity market saw losses deepen as the day wore on. An opening fall of 75 points for the Dow Jones industrial average did little to help matters, as the FTSE-100 index closed near its low for the day with a loss of 35.7 at 4,604.6.

Worries about what the Budget may contain were heightened by the rise in M0, the narrow measure of money supply, and the latest bank lending figures.

Fears are growing about a possible rise in interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic. A strong rise in the Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index yesterday came ahead of today's meeting of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee to discuss US rates.

Further speculative buying of NatWest bank saw the price touch 830p before coming off the boil to close 3p down at 8071ap. Appeals for Barclays Bank. 33p off at £11.92 to clarify whether it intended to launch a bid, fell on deaf ears.

Even Lloyds TSB touched 63912p before falling 14p to 616p despite claims that NatWest Securities, the broking arm of the bank, was urging clients to switch out of Halifax, up 1112p at 773p.

Abbey National was left nursing a fall of 13<sup>1</sup>2p at 820p after linking up with Safeway. 3p dearer at 347<sup>1</sup>2p, to carry out an in-store banking trial at the new Safeway store in Leicester.

BTR continued to be supported by takeover speculation, rising another 6'2p to 205'2p. The price of the troubled industrial conglomerate has come up from a low of 184.5p in the past couple of weeks amid talk of a break-up bid for the company. Institutional investors are said to have become impatient about the pace of the group's restructuring programme.

Confirmation of the bid approach by FKI sent Bridon soaring 29<sup>1</sup>ap to 135<sup>1</sup>ap. At these levels the wire ropemaker carries a price tag of £101 million. Earlier this year. FKI. 3p down at 170p, made an abortive bid of almost £200 million for New-

The breakdown in merger talks between JCI, the South



Roger Partington, of Safeway. 3p higher, and Andrew Pople, of Abbey National, down 1312p, launch in-store banking

African mining group, and Lourho left the latter 4p easier at 137 ap. The talks began in May and had the backing of Anglo American. Lonrho's biggest shareholder.

News of a cash call and

News of a cash call and capital restructuring left shares of Ferrum more than halved with a fall of 434p at 212p. The group plans to raise £3.1 million with the placing

and open offer of an extra 233
million new shares. The news
came on the back of a return to
the black for the group for the
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Severn Trent put on 13p at 77712p after pledging to hand a further £134 million to shareholders as part of a reorganisation of its share capital. including a share consolidation. The rest of the

CASH TILLS FALL

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WORRIES about a clampdown on consumer spending in the Budget added to the woes of an already depressed stores sector. Next fell 25½p to 678½p foliowing a survey from Fashlon Trak indicating a substantial slow-down in sales growth. Brokers were not surprised, pointing to the poor weather and the fact the group would have been hard-pressed to match the 24 per cent increase in

been hard-pressed to match the 24 per cent increase in like-for-like sales seen in the second quarter last year. But there are also suggestions that the shares have been undermined by a poor response given to its autumn/winter preview catalogue.

Matthew Siebert, at ABN Amro Hoare Govett said: "The sector was always going to look a bit ropey ahead of the Budget. Its not surprising to see falls. It is sentiment driven and very volatile. But a 25p fall in Next does seem to be extreme."

Losses were also seen in WH Smith, 13p to 359 ½ p. Boots Ilp to 703 ½ p. Austin Reed 6p to 219p, Marks & Spencer 6p to 498p, Argos 11p to 547 ½ p and Kingfisher 14p to 682p.

water companies ended the day mixed as they anniously awaited details of the proposed windfall tax in tomor row's Budger. Anglian finished down Zip at 65112p and South West Water 3p and South West Water 3p and 505p, while United Utilitie put on 9p at 66012p, York shire 7p at 39012p and Wesse 4p at 40312p.

4p at 403<sup>1</sup>2p.

Profit-taking left Scottish & Newcastle, Britain's biggest brewer, 4<sup>1</sup>2p cheaper at 646<sup>1</sup>2p. This was in spite of full-year profits towards the top end of expectations and an encouraging run-down about current trading.

Worse than expected trading news left newcomer Jardinerie Interiors 20p down at 11712p. The group joined AIM in October last

year at 114p.

Charterhouse Tilney, the Liverpool broker, has been pushing shares of Ocean Group, up 3p at 5271ap. It has been telling clients that the quality of earnings has been improved by the recent disposal of OIL, its offshore support vessel subsidiary. The invested proceeds are expected to accelerate earnings.

JJB Sports, the sportswear retailer, marked time at 49212p despite plans by David Whelan, founder and chairman, to sell 3.5 million shares. He wants to use the £17 million proceeds to invest in Wigan Athletic, which last season won promotion to Division Two of the Football League. Whelan owns 55 per cent of JJB, while he and his son-in-law control 89 per cent of Wigan. Trading in the 22 weeks to the end of June had exceeded expectations. GILT-EDGED: Prices in

the London bond market lost all of Friday's gains as investors began winding down their positions ahead of the Budget.

In the futures pit, the Sep-

tember series of the long gift ended £1732 down at £1131516 as the number of contracts completed was reduced to \$4.000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £56 to £10825/32, while Trea-

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NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street drifted down in morning trading ahead of tomorrow's Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meeting. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 40.71 points at 7,647.01.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

## TEMPUS Pension funds hold back

ANYONE who has been investing in the FTSE 100 index over the past year has made a lot of money, but he has not been following the herd. Pension funds have been selling equities and building up their cash positions.

The withdrawal of funds from the share market has been going on for two years and the net cash position of the pension fund industry could be somewhere between 5 and 6 per cent of total assets. Liquidity has not been as high since 1990, when base rates were more than 10 per cent, soaring briefly to 15 per cent. Even taking into account the low inflation of today, institutions have few incentives to stuff their money in deposit accounts when

comparing the returns from buying shares.

Figures for the first quarter of 1997 show little change in the attitude of pension funds. After some reinvestment in the last quarter of

1996, the funds have pulled back a bit and the high liquidity levels look set to continue. So what is driving the market? Sentiment seems to be the answer; foreigners have not been notably active although they have been aggressive buyers of gilts in the first quarter.

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Takeovers, special dividends and buybacks have kept the pot bubbling, but the question is what the funds will do if the Chancellor cuts their income by abolishing the dividend tax credit. Unit trusts will be hurt from the loss of a major selling point but pension funds which find few reasons to invest in equities today will be hard pushed to buy shares with a reduced dividend. Instead, the funds will search out the high dividend payers And the big losers will be companies that reinvest heavily, precisely those manufacturers and hi-tech companies that Labour claims to love.

#### Greycoat

NEVER known to underpay. the Sultan of Brunei has pushed the boat out at Emhankment Place. For a building let at a rent which is almost a third more than the market rate, the buyer is prepared to settle for a yield of only 7.5 per cent. With the next rent review in three years, the Sultan could be waiting eight years before he eres an increase from the current £45 per so ft. Even so. Greycoat stands to make a small book loss on the transaction leaving one to wonder what assumptions drove Greycoat's valuers when they last looked at the property.

Yet, book profits and losses are not the issue here. Embankment Place was a drain on Greycoat because of the high cost of finance—the company had £161 million of debt secured against a low-

prowth asset on which it was paying interest at 10.5 per cent. Selling the property and shrinking the balance sheet should maximise the potential from three central London developments that are due for completion at exactly the right time.

With £25 million of poten-

With £25 million of potential development profit in the pipeline, there are argucould rise to 200p, say some analysts but development is a riskier business than passive property investment and Greycoat's price is unlikely to race to a premium. If the company is offering net asset value for the shares today, some investors might wish to lock in some profit now.

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#### S&N

SCOTTISH & Newcastle shares have lost ground while the quality of its business has improved.

The blackspot was leisure;

Center Parcs let the side down with a 12 per cent drop in profits (though the much smaller Pontin's chipped in a 19 per cent rise). There have been suggestions that S&N should sell Center Parcs, but Brian Stewart, chief executive, is against such a move. There is not much he can do about the strength of sterling but he has taken the operational problems firmly inhand. No new villages will be built until existing sites have been brought up to scratch.

Elswhere, S&N's investment in branded pub concepts is paying off with food sales rising ahead of the market, and on the brewing side it is chasing higher margins at the cost of slightly lower volumes (although big name brands such as John Smith's, Kronenbourg and digit volume growth in an impressive second half). Pursuing that policy will be made easier by Margaret Becken's decision to block the Bass/Carlsberg-Tetley merger, which leaves S&N Britain's biggest brewer.

Foster's all achieved double-

ain's biggest brewer.

With earnings growth of 14 per cent expected this year, The shares are priced on a forward multiple of just over 12 times, an unwarranted 20 per cent discount to the market.

#### British Airways

POOR old British Airways: the company spent millions on a corporate makeover only to see the cabin staff fling the new makeup kit on to the floor in a huff and threaten to walk out.

Yesterday, the ground crew, too, signalled their disapproval but the latter have different reasons for discontent.

British Airways is busy shedding non-core business-

es, such as the preparation of in-flight meals but staff who interact with customers are unlikely to be candidates for outsourcing initiatives.

BA is walking on more

dangerous ground by confronting its cabin crew but it has little choice. Seen as a hitech industry, its operations are curiously low-tech and labour-intensive. The airlines are more akin to hotels and restaurants than other service sectors where semiskilled staff are being replaced by technology. Hence, the sensitivity to the wages bill which over the last six months has escalated in comparison with US or Continental competitors due to the strength of the pound. Nevertheless, BA will probably tough it out even if the unions strike. Cabin crew jobs may have lost the glamour they once had in the

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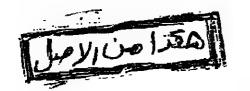
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spread to other sides of the

business. Flashpoints in-

clude the closure of BA's

contract handling unit.

which employs about 400 baggage and other workers

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NatWest and Lord Alexander of Weedon, its chairman, yesterday when the Takeover Panel rejected the bank's request for Barclays to make a formal statement about a possible bid.

This incident, which would have little significance in any other context, represents yet another setback for Lord Alexander and Derek Wanless, chief executive, coming so soon after the breakdown of merger talks with Abbey National. It has damaged their quest to convince investors such as Legal & General, Mercury Asset Management, the Prudential and Standard Life that their vision for the future of NatWest is the right one.

NatWest has invited shareholders to its imposing City headquarters over the course of the next six weeks, not to tell them of any great new initiative, but rather to listen to fund managers' concerns. One of those fund managers said yesterday: "My question is simple. How are they going to improve profitability of the bank? That's it." Another added: "What are they going to do about NatWest Markets?" While a third said he wanted to "wait and see what NatWest are saying before making any long-term decisions".

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NatWest is in the spotlight primarily because NatWest Markets (NWM), its global investment banking business, was forced to announce that it had found a £90 million Executives appear to believe the bank is vulnerable.

Not all analysts agree, according to Robert Miller

blackhole in its interest rate options book. Six managers and traders have left the bank and the City's watchdogs have launched a fullscale investigation. Dealing in the highly volatile derivatives markets is a legitimate business area. What is not acceptable is that the losses should have remained undetected

for more than two years. Rory Murphy, general secretary of the NatWest Staff Association, said: "NatWest has slid down the banking scale in the last five years. It is now in the first division of banks, albeit top of it, with the Co-op, rather than in the Premier League. That is not necessarily all its own fault, but NatWest Markets has not helped its cause."

He continued: "All this talk of a takeover by Barclays or another high street bank could be misplaced. Look at the way in which banking services are delivered nowadays down the telephone line or through a computer and maybe NatWest could merge with British Telecorn or Cable & Wireless. Or they could talk to Bill Gates and Microsoft, he's got the money and his company develops the software that delivers the banking services." Speculation about NafWest's future has not been helped by the fact that it approached Abbey National with a possible merger deal in which it appears that it would have been the junior partner. The City and private NatWest shareholders took the NWM incident and the takeover talk, put them together, and came up with the view that even the bank itself believes that it is vulnerable.

ohnny de la Hey, bank analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, believes that such a view is misplaced. NWM is almost certain to be "downsized" in the present internal review. It has an edectic mix of businesses some of which are at the extreme end of the risk spectrum. Mr de la Hey said: The rate of return on investment in NatWest Markets are not spectacular and earnings are volatile. But, if you strip out NWM you are left with the bank and that is altogether very

Mr de la Hey points out that NatWest Bank. which plans to reduce its branch network to 1,750 by the end of next year from 2,000 in April last year and reduce staff levels by a

per cent market share of the credit card market. Further, it can claim 18 per cent of all current accounts and a healthy 29 per cent of the small to medium-sized business banking market, and Lombard, its credit finance arm, is the largest in the UK.

Telephone and online personal computer banking services are being extended and improved and just yesterday NatWest raised its savings rates on an instant access account. The bank, which also owns Courts, bankers to the Queen, and Gartmore, one of the UK's top five fund managers, is also making strong headway and winning plaudits in the student market, one of the few areas in retail banking. in which it is possible to pick up genuinely new

If Lord Alexander and Mr Wanless ever feel moments of doubt then they could always turn to Andrew Buxton and Martin Taylor, their counterparts at Barclays. Three years ago Barclays was regarded in much the same basket case light as NatWest is now.

Britain has too many banks and rationalisation of the branch network is inevitable. That does not mean to say, however, that NatWest will not still be there in five years' time. Whether the saviour is an internal one or a contender from outside remains to be seen, but, whoever it is, they need to get to work very soon.

## Quest for the right balance at NatWest Heavy-handed management has left BA under a cloud

Effects of staff unrest will be felt

for years, says Jon Ashworth

wo weeks ago I arrived at Heathrow Terminal One to scenes of chaos. Long queues trailed through customs, and flights were suffering delays of 12 hours. We boarded our British Airways flight to Copenhagen and were 30 minutes past our scheduled departure time when the captain made

There was, he said, a problem. Our cases were on the tarmac next to the aircraft. The baggage handlers (employed by BA) were re-fusing to load them. He was trying to persuade them to co-operate. Hopefully, we would soon be on our way.

We eventually made it into the air, but the incident left a sour taste. How many

sodes does it take before the business travellers who fuel BA's revenues defect in droves to threatened disruption will do little

to help. The curhas little to do with pay, EVELY thing to do with the BA management, led by Bob

Ayling, the chief executive.

level are vociferous in their contempt for the BA admin-

istration. Lord King, of

Wartnaby, who presided over difficult reforms, is

remembered with grudging affection. Sir Colin Mar-

shall continues to command

Few question BA's need to

get in shape for the new

manner in which change is

being imposed that has

witness the expensive new

BA enlour scheme, unveiled

at a time when unions were

balloting on industrial ac-

tion. Ditto the overnight

closure of union offices at

Heathrow and Gatwick,

prompting accusations that BA was behaving like "a

19th century mill owner".

respect. Not so Mr Ayling.

BA employees at every

e says the danger of junk bonds is ability of such easy funds pushes up the price and requires too great a proportion of the buyout to be financed by debt. "It's a relatively user-friend-

coming along.

Mr Attwood does not believe that the return of the highyield bond has yet pushed up to dangerous levels the proportion of debt being taken on in buyouts. "The level of gearing in the UK in particu-lar buyouts hasn't reached the same level that it did in the late 1980s and 1990. The sort of people that we're dealing with are much, much more experienced, and learned a great deal from last time."

A buyout might require a third of its funding from the capital house, and two thirds from debt. Within this total should be cash from junk from bank debt. Debt is debt ... and there comes a day of reckoning."

the fund-raising for both. Not everyone is a fan. TeleWest, the cable TV company whose chief executive is Stephen Davidson, was forced to abandon plans to raise \$300 million of junk bond debt when this caused a run on the share price. The company is now thinking about merging with Cable & Wireless

Communications. Gordon Bonnyman, managing director of Charterhouse Development Capital. used a high-yield bond to help to finance last October's purchase from Inchcape of its testing services business for £380 million, a deal that also involved Bankers Trust.

ly sort of finance. But it is borrowing, and if you decide that you are going to use more add to the interest load, there may be some companies that are appropriate for that, by virtue of their predictability, market position and so on. The temptation is to take that rate and slap it on the next deal

suppliers of equity, the venture bonds, says Mr Bonnyman, vet this is not always recognised. "I don't distinguish junk bonds



Ayling: threatened to sue

take over many of BA's less profitable routes, breaking the grip of the unions and removing jobs by stealth.

With all this rumbling on it is hardly surprising that morale is at a low ebb. I have nothing against Mr Ayling but there comes a point when a business pioneer (as he undoubtedly sees himselfi becomes a liability in the eyes of the shareholders. BA will resolve its current impasse one way or

more difficult to win back the loyalty of its workforce. Mr Ayling may not have grasped the finer points of dealing with real people, as opposed to numbers on a page. His threat to sue or sack staff who strike bear this out. Where an olive

branch was needed, he bran-

dished an iron bar, and the

reverberations will be felt

for years to come.

## Junk bonds are back to meet the needs of buyout teams

Michael Milken: junk-bond king

says investors

are being

tempted into high-risk

instruments

azumping is back. Chains of estate agents are chang-ing hands for millions. Sir Terence Conran is opening restaurants. Welcome to 1980s retro-chic. There is one other throwback from the fevered end of that decade - the junk bond.

Half a dozen recent buyouts in Europe, several of them in the UK, have used this form of finance, even though the collapse of the US iunk bond market in 1991 led to the collapse of several of Wall Street's finest, notably Drexel Burnham Lambert, where Michael king", worked. There are a couple more in this country

supposed to be pending. Junk bonds are being pushed very hard, by the American investment banks that are coming to dominate the City. But some observers say that an over-reliance on a form of debt that offers lenders little security while locking them into the investment for, generally, more than a decade, risks restarting the cycle of over-expansion and collapse.

First, some definitions. Their advocates prefer the term "high-yield bonds". Under whatever name, these are financial instruments now being used in management buyouts, for example, that offer a much higher return than available to normal bank

The yields on offer are linked to a particular benchmark bond or gilt, but set about four points higher. For example, the government security chosen might be yielding 6 per cent over ten years. The junk bond would therefore offer a yield of



US junk bond market collapsed in 1991



Stephen Davidson was forced to rethink after a run on Telewest's shares

They rank, in terms of seniority, behind proper bank debt but above equity. In other words, should the company collapse, banks are paid first, bondholders next and shareholders last. Where they differ from mezzanine finance. the second-stage financing that also ranks between straight debt and equity, is that they are registered, or quoted, on Wall Street, can therefore be traded and come under the authority of the Securities and Exchange

ommission. Junk bonds were used in the February buyout by Castle Trasmission Services, an American consortium, of the BBC transmitters for £240 million. The junk bonds provided £100 million of the financing. Called "senior un-

they carried an interest rate of 9.5 per cent and matured in 10 years, which was when the business's transmission con-

tract expired. The disadvantages to the holders of junk bonds are several. The borrower can often repay the amount raised on them after five vears, should a refinancing at more favourable rates become possible. Banks providing the senior debt have fixed repayment schedules, over periods of perhaps five to seven years. But bondholders are locked in for 12 years or

Tom Attwood, managing director of Intermediate Capital Group, which provides mezzanine financing, says the use of junk bonds in buyouts will always be limited by the small number of deals of the right size. Any buyout worth less than \$100 million is unlikely to require sufficent bonds to create a

sufficiently liquid market. There have been approaching 300 transactions capable of sustaining mezzanine around Europe," he says. "There have been only 15 to 20 capable of sustaining high-yield bonds."

companies such as BTR spinning off quite sizeable noncore businesses, is providing additional opportunities. Meanwhile, low returns on other sorts of investments such as equities have created an appetite among investors for

higher yields elsewhere. "The investment banks are certain-

Welcome Break is hatching plans

ut the corporate refocusing that has been bond backed by the cashflow a feature of the past couple of years, with

marketing very aggressive-and the number of transactions has increased There will be considerably more high-yield bonds coming through this year." says Mr Attwood, As two examples, the financing of the £470 million buyout of the Welcome Break motorway chain from Granada, backed by Investoorp, has vet to be announced, but it is expected to involve a junk

from the restaurants. Likewise the £1 billion ourchase of the French and British private hospitals owned by Compagnie Générale des Eaux, the French utilities group, will also require bond financing. The common link between the two is Bankers Trust, the American invest-

#### WHOEVER SAID **GENIUS WAS ITS OWN** REWARD NEEDED A GOOD LAWYER

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## Crossed tracks

GRAND METROPOLITAN shareholders are a pretty supine bunch, so they are unlikely to make much fuss about the £600,000-odd handed to Gerald Corbett, the departed finance director who is about this far from becoming the highly paid chief executive of Railtrack.

But the headhunters hired by Railtrack were talking to Corbett soon after it became clear he would be forced out by the merger with Guinness, so he was well advanced in talks about a new job when his two-year rolling contract was paid off

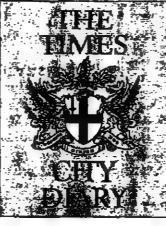


"I'd like to table a bid for John West on behalf of an anonymous bidder"

in compensation for losing his old one. So it goes.

There is still the question of his relationship with Sir Bob Horton, his new chairman. The company is about to take over from the unlamented British Gas as the business most reviled by its regulator, and fair game for attack by any government minister so minded. Sir Bob's combative style might not make him the best person to accept this with the stoicism the situation requires. Corbett's bluff geniality is better suited, if he can control his tendency to make cynical wisecracks at times of crisis. Expect Sir Bob to take more of a back seat, and possibly even step down entirely now the knighthood has come through.

 DON'T ask why, but a collection of historical answers to the "Why did the chicken cross the road" joke reaches me. (Example, Torquemada: "Give me ten minutes with the chicken and I'll find out.") It purnorts to include one from a wellknown management consultant, and begins: "Deregulation of the chicken's side of the road was threatening its dominant market position. The chicken was faced with significant challenges to create and develop the competencies required for the newly competitive market. Andersen Consulting, in a

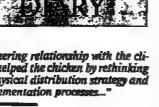


its physical distribution strategy and implementation processes..."

company's first property, the fashion-able Hotel du Vin.

partnering relationship with the client, helped the chicken by rethinking

NEWS of Ashley Levett, one of the traders at the centre of the Sumitomo copper scandal. Caterer 8 Hotelkeeper reveals that Levett, coyly described as a "Winchester nessman", has taken a haif stake in a fledgling hotel company based in Winchester. Levett, whose leisure interests already include Richmond Rugby Club, was an investor in the



Grand hotel

He is spending £2.5 million con-

Investors' voice SIR Andrew Large, the retiring head of the Securities and Investents verting the Boatwright Calverley Ho-Board, has used his last annual re-

must for a successful businessma

rather like a spell at McKinsey

used to be. Arriving as a 10 per cent

shareholder at London Scottish

rugby club is Sandy Anderson, a director of Stagecoach and one of

the men who became very rich very

suddenly when the latter bought

the Porterbrook leasing business.

Anderson tried to buy Nottingham

Porest, but was pipped to the deal

by Nigel Wray, the property

enterpreneur, who also happens to own the Saracens rugby club.

THE ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE,

the catamaran skippered by Tracy Edwards and sponsored by the in-

surance company, arrives home to-

night after an unsuccessful bid to

beat the transatlantic speed record.

They ran into problems with icebergs

in the North Atlantic, The all-female

crew was only in New York long

enough to catch one musical. Per-

haps The Titanic was not the best

tel in Tunbridge Wells into a second port to lambast the watchdog system Hotel du Vin. Further investment and call for the views of private invesseems likely as the Alternative Hotel tors to be taken into account at the new super-SIB. Who might best represent their interests at the new body? How about Kenneth Jordan, leader Touchdown of the Knight Williams action group of retired investors and a regular ad-IN THE future, ownership of a versary for the Large regime at the football or rugby club will be a

Any person fearless enough - or is it foolish enough? — to accuse Helen Liddell, the Treasury Minister, of giving "bland and misleading" answers to Parliament should prove up to the task of defending investors' interests. Is this the sort of nominee Sir Andrew was thinking of?

MARTIN WALLER



Sir Andrew Large lambarted the present regulatory system.

## Greycoat plans £55m buyback as Sultan of Brunei buys site

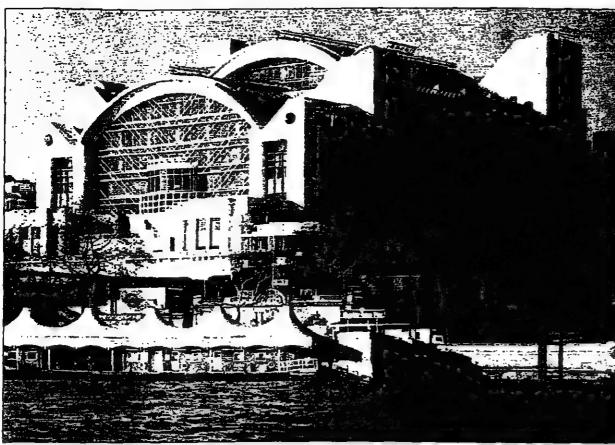
GREYCOAT intends to buy pack £55 million of its own chares following the sale of Embankment Place, its landmark office development at Charing Cross, to the Sultan of Brunei for a net price of £207.8 million.

Greycoat said that the entire equity in the office huilding would be returned to shareholders in an off-market onefor-four tender priced at 171p. Peter Thornton, managing director, said that the sale and share buyback would result in greater returns for shareholders from Greycoat's development programme. "Embankment Place had been diluting the return for shareholders."

Greycoat yesterday unveiled pre-tax profits of £1.3 million or the year to March, up from a loss of £300,000. Adjusted earnings per share rose from 1.5p to 4.3p. Net asset value rose by 5p to 17tp, including 4p from valuation surpluses.

Mr Thornton said that Embankment Place was sold on a 7.5 per cent yield. It is let to Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, at a rent of £45.50 per square foot, compared with an estimated current rental value of £33.50. Greycoat financed the building with loans of £141.5 million, which are to be repaid, and interest rate swaps, which set the cost of the debt at about 10.5 per cent.

Embankment Place is being sold at £212.5 million, slightly below its book value of £217



Embankment Place has been sold for £212 million by Greycoat, which yesterday announced a return to profit

million, but the vendor has negotiated to keep capital allowances worth an extra £3 million. After sale costs, repayment of debt, and unwinding of interest rate swaps, Greycoat will have cash proceeds of E61 million, of which E55 mil-

lion will be used to buy in Mr Thornton said the shares

tax losses to use up, and so does not expect to pay mainwould be bought at the pubstream corporation tax. Howlished net asset value of 171p. ever, Mr Thornton said Grey-Greycoat said the buyback coat had plenty of uses for Emwould be tax efficient because it bankment Place proceeds if shareholders do not take up would not incur advance corp-

the 171p offer. "We have to make the offer as we said we would give the proceeds back to shareholders, but I am hoping that most of them will not take it up." he said.

#### **FKI** hopes to acquire Bridon this week

BY OUVER AUGUST

BRIDON, the wire rope and lifting systems manufacturer, is in takeover talks with FKL the engineering group.

FKI, whose hostile bid for

Newman Tonks failed in January. has been negotiating with Bridon for the past week. James Newman, finance director of Bridon, said a deal could be announced before the

He said: We are still negotiating but there is a possibility of an announcement in a few days if there are no problems." Asked if there were other suitors on the scene, Mr Newman said: "Not that we are aware of."

Bridon confirmed the talks in a Stock Exchange an-nouncement, which could flush out other bidders. Bridon is being advised by

SBC Warburg. Its share price rose 29½p to 135½p, valuing the company at £100 million. FKI, based in Halifax, announced its latest acquisition strategy two weeks ago in response to the failure of the £196 million Newman Tonks deal. The group said it wanted to spend between £100 million and £150 million by March. Bob Beeston, chief execu-

tive, said FKI was looking for a number of bolt-on acquisitions rather than one large takeover. FKI indicated it was particularly interested in businesses that would strengthen its materials handling and hardware divisions, both of

## NationsBank to pay \$1.2bn for brokerage

NATIONSBANK, of North Carolina, has agreed to buy Montgomery Securities for \$1.2 billion, the latest example of the convergence of American banking and broking. The purchase of Montgomery, which is based in San Francisco.
allows the fourth largest US bank to enter the securities business, which is benefiting from a powerful bull market.
In the last two anorths BankAmerica agreed to buy

Robertson, Stephens and Co., Swiss Bank Corp agreed to buy Dillon Read, and Bankers Trust purchased Alex Brown, the nation's oldest broker. Montgomery Securities, which is privately owned, had revenue of \$705 million in its last financial year. It will retain "significant autonomy" after the merger, the companies said: Last year, Congress allowed banks to derive up to a quarter of their revenues from underwriting stocks and bonds. Further loosening of those laws is expected, which would lead to larger mergers. NationsBank has assets of \$239 billion.

#### Beale beats disruption

BEALE, the department store operator, overcame the disruption caused by its refurbishment programme to lift its pre-tax profits to £2.56 million, from £2.36 million, at the halfway stage. The company said that building work at its Southport store slowed sales in the 26 weeks to May 31, but that this was partly offset by savings from bar code scanners, which have now been installed in three of its five stores. Earnings per share were 16.7p (15.4p) and the dividend rises to 3p (2.55p), with a final 3p due on October 6.

#### Flats profit for Compco

COMPCO HOLDINGS, the housing estate owner, made a £1.26 million profit on the sale of blocks of flats to Camden Council at almost five times the price it bought them for 18 months ago. The company said the council agreed to buy back the flats for £1.62 million after realising that repair and maintenance would cost around £10 million. The company made a pre-tax profit of £2.82 million (£2.97 million) for the year to March 25. Earnings per share rose to 9.15p (7.4p). A final dividend of 3.24p, due September 2, makes a 3.74p total.

#### **Bath Press ahead**

BATH PRESS GROUP, the book manufacturing company, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.5 million, from £2.9 million in the year to March 31, on turnover that increased to £57.5 million from £35.8 million: Earnings rose to 2.27p a share from 1.63p. A final dividend of 0.35p a share lifts the total to 0.51p from 0.43p. Profits were helped by a maiden contribution from Proost, a European book manufacturer based in Belgium, acquired in July last year for £7.3 million.

#### Lorien to buy PDN

LORIEN, the computer services group, is to buy PDN, a rival computer staff provider, for up to £2 million. The deal, Lorien's fifth since joining the Alternative Investment Market two years ago, should add El.S million to sales in its first year. Lorien has also completed an earn-out deal with Arena Resources ahead of schedule, and will pay the final £1.39 million for the computer staff contracting company, making total consideration £4 million. The shares held at 323 p.

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#### **Underwriting boost at Hiscox Select fund**

BY ADAM JONES

MAIDEN underwriting profits have boosted the final dividend at Hiscox Select Insurance Fund to 8.7p.

In the 15 months to March 31, the Lloyd's of London spread vehicle earned a total profit of £7.5 million before tax, compared with £4.4

million in the previous year. Underwriting returns in 1994, which have only now been released, were equivalent to In.i per cent of capacity after fees and expenses. A return of 7 per cent to 10 per cent is expected for 1995, with a deterioration likely in

Hiscox Select, one of the smallest vehicles in the Lloyd's market, said that a conversion scheme for limited liability names would give the fund an increase in its capacity of up to £68 million.

The total dividend of 11-3p for the 15-month period com-pares with 2.4p for the previous 12 months. The final dividend will be payable on

#### Abbey bank in Safeway store

ABBEY NATIONAL and Saleway are to extend their partnership by testing an instore bank (Sarah Cumningham writes).

The groups teamed up last year to enter the retail financial services market and in March launched the ABC Bonus Account, a debit account. Unlike Sainsbury and Tesco. Safeway has stopped short of launching its own bank.

The in-store Abbey Nationai branch will open at Safeway's new Leicester store on July 15. During the 12-month trial it will provide self-service functions in shop hours.

## Heinz nets John West

By Sarah Cunningham

JOHN WEST, the company Nordsee fish business for £200 best known for its tinned pink salmon, has been sold by Unilever to Heinz. John West, based in Liver-£5 billion

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pool, employs 88 people and had sales of £150 million last company dedicated to canned year. The sale price has not been disclosed. Unilever said it was selling the company because the John Australia, New Zealand and West range of canned fish and

other products "are no longer considered priority categories". Unilever has been steadily selling its non-core or underperforming businesses. Last month it sold its German

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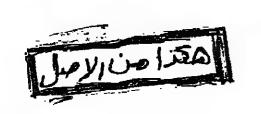
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£10 a month plus individual pay-ment charges. The more powerful Royline for Windows is available for

larger companies. National Westminster Bank has

been piloting a system with 1,500 personal and 500 small business

Midland Bank has introduced its

Hexagon PC banking system for medium-sized businesses but is

unlikely to roll out a simplified

version for the smallest companies

in the next few months. Mike

Conroy, manager of small business

services, says: "Our market re-search produced quite mixed re-

sponses. Some companies like the

idea of PC banking but others say it

is easier to use telephone banking."

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them to be added to the list.

BANKING through a personal computer has arrived for even the smallest businesses. Barchys Bank this week launched a full PC banking service for small business es. Royal Bank of Scotland has introduced Royline Account Mas-ter and NatWest Bank has been running trials since last October.

PC banking, where companies can authorise payments, move money between accounts, check balances and find out which cheques have cleared, has been available for larger and medium-sized companies. The smallest companies, particularly sole traders, have found the programs too com-plex for their needs. Banks have held back because they wanted to be sure they had got the software right

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before introducing a service.

Barciays has been running trials with more than 800 sole traders in the North West and across the South of England since October. The system it is now offering comes on three 312 in disks for use on Windows. There is a £30 initial fee. including the software, and an annual service fee of £30.

Mike Davis, small husiness services director at Barclays, says: "Small businesses are increasingly asking for the ability to carry out



Mike Davis: "great appeal"

simple banking services from the convenience of their home or business location. With two out of three small businesses using a computer, PC banking will have Barclays says that 1,500 organ-isations, including the Inland Reve-nue, Customs and Excise, credit

"The bank manager occasionally wonders if I am still alive and comes out to see me," says Peter Myers, who appreciates the PC system

## From olde worlde to high tech

Bushey, Hertfordshire, made an interesting case study for the Barclays PC banking trial. bringing an "olde worlde" business into the realms of high technology. Peter Myers, the owner who set it up 15 years ago, says: Whatever line you are in, you still have to have some control over your business."

Mr Myers was the director of a large employment agency in London. He says: They were closing branches and making people redundant. I felt they were operating wrongly. If they had a branch with three people and business was slack, they cut the staff to two. That only guarantees the demise of the branch. You just produce a two-man business instead of a three-man business.

"Staff turnover was very high and service, already poor, suffered further. I was getting really ob-sessed. Meetings were claustropho-bic. I realised I was doing a job I did not really want." Mr Myers felt Rodney Hobson meets an antiques dealer who runs his business on strict principles

he spent too much time making staff redundant. It was something of a relief when the axe finally fell on him, although, with two small children at the time, he spent four worrying months at home in the depths of the 1982 recession. Mr Myers was not an expert in

antiques, apart from antique pine, when he started up the business. He bought some antique pine furniture from Lincolnshire that had been used below stairs in Victorian times.

He says: "That kind of furniture was on sale only in trendy parts of London such as Camden. I felt I could take advantage of an un-tapped need. A shop selling an-tiques and china became available in Bushey. Although it was a big change from what I had been doing, all businesses are based on pretty much the same business

methods, so I bought it." When he set up in business he decided to follow his own philosophy. That was important as he gradually built up his staff to three.

He says: "I felt I had got to stick to my own principles on the way staff were treated. When trade is quiet I don't just chuck everyone out. I didn't want mine to be a typical antique shop with one person out the back looking bored." Sometimes a customer would

like a piece of furniture but it was the wrong size. To keep trade rolling, Mr Myers found suppliers who would make reproduction furniture to measure using old wood. This now comprises about half the business.

He also kept a careful note of customers who had expressed an interest in particular items and rang them when something suit-

able came into stock. Mr Myers banked with Barclays from the start as he knew the manager of the bank's Marble Arch business centre from his days at the employment agency. His advice to small businesses that need to borrow money is to bank at a large branch that is used to handling large loans. One reason why PC banking is

useful to him is because he never visits the branch. He says: "Occasionally the manager wonders if I am still alive and comes out to see me. With a small business the main problem is cashflow. In my business I have got to pay up front on delivery and it can be several weeks before a customer pays for it.

"Although we keep a right control on finances the only time we really knew where we stood was when we got the monthly bank statement. Now each evening I can check how much money we have and who has and hasn't paid. I haven't been to a meeting for 15 years and I don't have to justify myself to anyone."

#### Last chance to beat the Budget

ONLY hours remain for small business owners to take evasive action before Gordon Brown's first Budget tomorrow (Rodney Hobson

While small business organisations have been appealing to the Chancellor to leave owner-managers unscathed, some measures are likely to be painful. Neville Russell, the chartered accountancy firm. has produced a hitlist:

■ Bonuses to staff and directors.
While one of Labour's key manifesto pledges was to hold income tax rates steady, there was no similar guarantee for national insurance contributions. Bringing planned bonuses forward could avoid having to make additional National insurance payments.

High profits. If the company is doing particularly well it may be worth ending the accounting per-iod just before or after the Budget in case the tax rate for companies is increased.

Pensions. Business owners should consider topping up their contributions to personal pensions in case tax relief on future contribugions is limited to the lower rate of

Advance corporation tax. Protect the current level of credit on dividends by bringing forward any

payouts you intend to make.

Capital gains tax. Labour is considering the introduction of a two-tier capital gains tax system where assets sold after a long period of time are treated more leniently. It may be worth delaying the sale of any long-held assets until after the Budget.

■ Capital expenditure. It may be worth delaying major items in case Mr Brown introduces generous allowances for businesses that invest in extra plant, machinery or industrial buildings.



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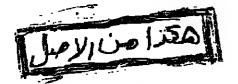
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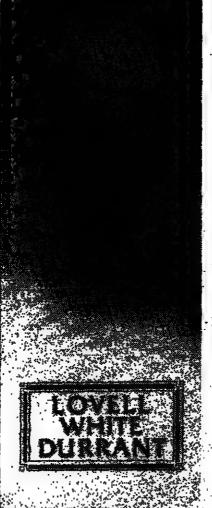
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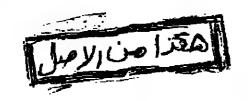
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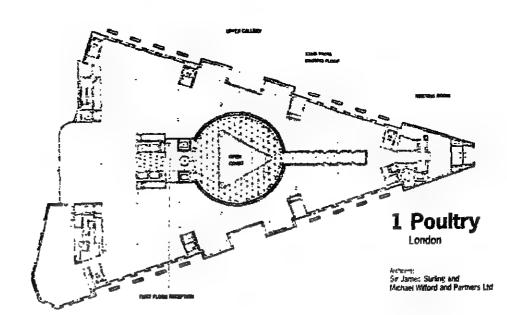
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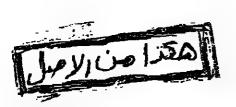
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The former colony's legal system is good, says Daniel Brennan, QC, but vigilance is required

# Hong Kong's great hope

to the wellbeing of any society. Hong Kong is no exception. And the more so, now that it has become a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China The territory has produced two unqualified achievements. Hong Kong has become one of the world's great financial centres. That success has been based on a high-quality legal system. International financial confidence has been nurtured by a local determination to preserve the rule of law. What now is the future of its legal system?

The Joint Declaration of 1964 and the Basic Law provide that it should be maintained as it is at present. Under the Basic Law, the SAR will exercise "a high degree of autonomy" and have "independent judicial power, in-cluding that of final adjudi-The communist system shall not be practised and the previous capitalist system and way of life shall remain unchanged for 50 years". The legal framework, with its: common law foundation, is to

Will these constitutional un-: dertakings offer practical protection to the system of justice? Above all, the judiciary must be independent and free of interference. Appointments are to be made by a judicial ap-nomments commission. This

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strike are all preserved. Trial by jury and all present rights and principles of the criminal law system continue. Freedom event, the funding of legal aid of the press is to continue, must be protected

is thought politically appropriate or that which the journalist wishes to print? (Recently, a senior member of the New China News Agency, the Chinese Communist Party's agency in Hong Kong, was ap-pointed an adviser to The South China Morning Post.) The right to public demonstration may now be

controlled on the grounds of "national security". That is defined as "the safeguarding of territorial integrity and the independence of the Republic". So, in future,

demonstrations may be forbidden even when there is no threat to public order or safety. Is the issue of "national security" reviewable by the courts and in particular the Court of Final Appeal? If litigated before that court, will Article 158 of the Basic Law allow the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress to implement its power of interpretation of the Basic Law because "national security" is not a matter within the limits of the autonomy of the region"?

A vital factor in future access to justice will be legal aid. The Legal Aid Departreviewing whether it should be an independent body. In any

Preserving the rule of law is

of crucial importance to Hong Kong's future. The people of the former colony face that future with a mixture of public confidence and private apprehension of the unknown. They have come to regard the legal system as a fundamental protection. At government level, Britain has the 1984 treaty obligation to ensure that China honours the Basic Law. and, in particular, Article 39 incorporating the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. But at the level of daily life, it is the lawyers in Hong Kong who will be vigilant to guard against the erosion of civil rights and any undermining of the legal system. Britain, in general, and our lawyers in particular, should support

Next week: Hopes and fears of law firms in Hong Kong

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

# When sexuality should not matter

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Court of Justice will hear oral argument on whether discrimination by employers against homosexuals and lesbians is a breach of European Union law,

Lisa Grant, a cierical worker employed by South West Trains, was refused a concessionary travel pass for her female partner. There is no dispute that had she been married to, or living with, a man, a travel pass would have been issued. Ms Grant began legal proceedings, claiming to be the victim of sex discrimination. Her employer responded that the discrimination was lawful because it was on the ground of her sexual orientation. not on the ground of her sex. The industrial tribunal in Southampton considered that important questions of law arose and so referred the dispute to the European Court for a

Sex discrimination by employers in rela-

tion to pay, other benefits and working conditions is prohibited by Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome and by Directive 76/207. In recent cases, the European Court has adopted a liberal approach to the concept of sex discrimination. It has decided that employers act unlawfully if they dismiss a woman employee because she is pregnant even if a male employee with an incapacitating condition would have been dismissed. The court has also ruled that the concept of sex discrimination applies where a transsexual employee is dismissed because he or she is undergoing

sex-reassignment surgery. The case for the applicant is PANNICK QC simple. If Ms Grant were a man, her current female partner would have received the travel pass. Similarly, if Ms Grant's current partner were male, rather than female, there would be no

problem. Therefore, sex is the cause of the detriment of which Ms Grant complains. The case for the employer is that such an analysis ignores a crucial aspect of the practical reality. The difference in treatment is based not on sex but on sexual orientation. A male employee who is homosexual and a female employee who is lesbian are treated in the same way. Neither receives travel benefits for their same-sex partners. The employer contends that it is entitled to treat a homosexual or lesbian relationship less favourably than a beterosexual one.

The application of sex discrimination law to issues of sexual orientation has been considered by the United States Court of Appeals. In 1979, in De Santis v Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co, the Ninth Circuit rejected the argument that discriminaof the Civil Rights Act 1964 because "if a male

employee prefers males as sexual pariners, he will be treated differently from a female who prefers male partners". The court accepted the employer's argument that it applied the same test whether dealing with men or women in that "it will not hire or promote a person who prefers sexual partners of the

That judgment illustrates that a court's conclusion on this legal issue depends on how the problem is analysed. The employer's defence to Ms Grant's claim (that the cause of the detriment is not her sex but her sexual orientation) is superficially attractive. However, this defence will probably not appeal to the European Court of Justice.

There are two main reasons for that First, the court's judgments on pregnancy and transsexuals decline to adopt a narrow interpretation of sex discrimination which focuses on whether men and women are treated in an equally disadvantageous way in

defined respects. Instead, the court looks to whether the detriment flows from a sexual characteristic. Since the court found that pregnancy and transsexualism are factors based, essentially if not exclusively, on the sex of the person concerned", it is probable that it will conclude similarly in relation to sexual orientation.

Secondly, the court's judg-ment in the 1996 transsexual case of P v S and Cornwall County Council stated that there is a fundamental right to equal treatment of men and women. To tolerate discrimination against transsexuals would, in the court's judgment. amount to "a failure to respect the dignity and freedom to

which he or she is entitled, and which the court has a duty to safeguard". Similar reasoning can easily be applied to the discrimination against Ms Grant and her partner.

Grant deserves to succeed in Luxembourg, not just because her employers are impeding her fundamental right to a private life free from interference, but also because sex discrimination law is designed to rebut Sigmund Freud's assertion that "anatomy is destiny".

The train operator is penalising Ms Grant for living with a woman rather than with a man. The purpose of the law relating to sex discrimination is precisely to prevent employers from acting on their views of biological or cultural differences between the sexes. If there is one basic principle of sex equality law, it is that Mis Grant is entitled to be treated by her employer as an individual, without regard to her sex.

The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls Coilege, Oxford.

# Another hobbyhorse

for Mitchell

LAWYERS, watch out. Austin Mitchell, scourge in the 1980s of solicitors' near-monopoly.of conveyancing, is back in business, looking at legal aid. Le-gal aid certificates are just another type of voucher, the Lab-our MP for Great Grimsby, says, and, like the Tories aborted nursery voucher scheme, should be abolished. His remarks will infuriate and terrify solicitors and barristers.

Mr Mitchell has led a campaign for years for a national salaried legal service. Buoyed by reports that the Government wants a more radical than expected overhaul of legal aid, he is urging it to take on the Bar Council and the Law Society to end the system's dependence on private lawyers. He says: "Labour must have the guts to take on the lawyers, to get our spending priorities right. The professions will pull strings to take the heat off them, but new Labour can prove it is not the lawyers' puppet."

Anderson shock

CLIVE ANDERSON, the talk show host and barrister, is turning serious. He is to be the moderator in Hypotheticals, the award-winning series

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which returns to BBC2 on July 25, 26 and 27. Mr Anderson will moderate the first in the series, on the ethics of small businesses - asking how far people will tolerate sexual harassment and racism to safeguard profits.

Talk fest CHINA is sending a fivestrong delegation from the Supreme People's Court, led

from around the world: one of the latest to sign up is Justice Stephen Breyer from the US Supreme Court. Details: Blair Col DIY boost

by the Vice-President, Liu Jiachen, to attend the Law and

At Glastonbury: the founda-

tion's Michael Grimes, left

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# Lawyers are so hip

LAWYERS took on a new role last week when they set up a stand at the Glastonbury Festival to raise awareness of legal rights. The idea came from Tony Thorpe of the Citizenship Foundation and Matthew McKaig the Law Society's southwest regional secretary. A society spokesman says: "We are pleased with the results. Though the event turned into a sea of mud, we had a steady flow of people with queries ranging from how to divorce, housing problems and drugs issues.

ter of the Rolls, spoke at the launch of Taking your Own Legal Action (Straightforward Publishing, £9.99). The book, by Laurence Kingsley, is a user-friendly guide to help people through the minefield of civil court rules and procedures, whether as plaintiffs or

Lord Woolf said: "Litigants In person will find this book of immense help in the process of conducting their own action."

 Judge Richard May, a circuit judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit, has been elected by the UN General Assembly to serve for four years on the International Criminal Tribunal, dealing with war crimes arising from the former Yugoslavia.

Celebration

GEORGE CARMAN, QC, was not the only lawyer with cause to celebrate the victory of Guardian Newspapers over Jonathan Aitken. The London media law firm Olswang was also opening a few bottles.

Geraldine Proudler, the solicitor who led the legal team acting for The Guardian, is one of its partners. Mr Aitken the fourth consecutive bringer of a libel action against the newspaper to suffer defeat at the hands of Miss Proudler and her team, assistant solicitors Debbie Ashenhurst and Joel Barry, and a trainee, Linda Francis.

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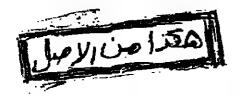
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# Is it the end of the affair?

The love affair between lawyers and litigation is finally cooling. In the latest sign that the traditional adversarial game is on the way out, S.J. Berwin, one of the City's best-known litigation firms, today launches an innovative service for clients. The firm's alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services unit will entice its commercial clients away from court battles and instead offer them mediation as a way of settling their disputes.

The new unit can claim something of a coup. David Shapiro, one of the big mediation names in the US, is to be codirector, along with David Harrel, the firm's senior partner. Mr Shapiro says: "Whether or not the English legal pro-fession likes it, mediation is here to stay."

Britain will come under the same pressure as America, he says, to find solutions other than litigation. Twenty-five years ago, ADR was in its infancy in America. Faced with thousands of ashestos, breast implant and other product liability cases," he adds, "US judges insisted that the parties attempt in good faith to resolve their disputes by mediation. And corpo-rate clients, overcoming their initial resistance, got the idea."

They found that disputes were resolved in days, weeks or, at worst, months, but not years - and at a fraction of the cost of preparing for trial and then - usually settling at the court door.

"As a result," he says, "most American courts now have rules that require cases to go to mediation before they can be listed

Berwin's new unit includes seven litigation specialists from each part of the firm's corporate practice. Two, including Mr Shapiro, are themselves also trained mediators, although eutside mediators

As mediation starts to succeed litigation abroad,

Frances Gibb sees a similar trend here



says, whether parties have unreasonably refused to try ADR.

There was also a practice direction from

Mr Justice Waller in the commercial court

on June 7, urging judges to encourage parties to try ADR. And Judge Butter is

heading a mediation experiment in the Central London County Court. The suc-

cess rate there has been 60 per cent,

although only a small percentage of cases

opt for ADR. But in the commercial court,

30 per cent of cases - and the figure is

Enthusiasm is growing. Mr Shapiro, who retired last year from the US law

firm Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin, where

he was a founding partner, is an

accredited mediator with the Centre for

Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and media-

rising - are going to mediation.

Shapiro, left, and Lord Woolf: advocates of greater use of mediation

would be used for any mediation involving the firm's clients. All, including Tim Taylor, the head of litigation, will be mediation advocates and will be with the client

at the mediation process to put their case. Mr Taylor says: "Our clients are finding that litigation is an expensive and bruising experience and are asking whether there is an alternative. We can now provide them with a service that offers a different way." Mediation has taken off eisewhere. In

Canada and Australia it is an automatic first step. Here it is still in its infancy. But some key moves are forcing an end to the slug-it-out litigation culture. Last summer Lord Woolf, in his landmark civil justice report, advocated greater use of media-tion. Courts should take into account, he

tion lecturer at the London School of Economics. Now based in the UK, he came here a year ago to set up the Euro-pean branch of JAMS Endispute, America's biggest mediation practice, handling 17,000 disputes a year of all sizes.

He still encounters a fear that media tion means that "litigators will go broke". But many cases, he argues, will never be suitable for mediation and even if they are, mediation will not always succeed. Where mediation does work, it can mean more, not less work. He explains: "The clients fall in love with their lawyers because their time and money has been saved, and they come back again."

There is also ignorance about mediation, the process of negotiating a settlement through a neutral intermediary. He says. The mediator guides the negotiation process, advising, listening, helping them to reach a 'win win' solution, or one that all parties can live with..." In litigation, he says, lawvers kick off "Chicago-style", demanding £10 million and the other side counters with an offer of £100,000. They inch themselves forward in an "oriental rug auction", not wanting to show weakness.

But if some lawyers are chary, judges are keen. Mr Shapiro has been involved in teaching judges at both a special CEDR seminar for High Court judges and for other judiciary held by the Judicial Studies Board. It is crucial, he says, for the judges to take a lead in pushing ADR because if it comes from them, there is no tigma, or fear of seeming weak, attaching to the parties.

Other law firms are looking at Berwin's intentions. "We hope." Mr Taylor says, "that they will follow suit, so that a culture of mediation is created, and high-quality, successful mediations become the norm.

# Legal aid must give good value

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Geoff Hoon outlines the Government's thinking on how to cut a £1.5 billion bill

arold Wilson once remarked that "one man's wage increase is another man's price increase". He was not thinking about legal aid, but the words are apt. The legal aid paid to lawyers has meant that the price charged to taxpayers has more than doubled over the past six years to £1.5 billion. And the price per case is still rising ahead of inflation.

The undeniable fact is that the system for paying lawyers is not under the kind of control we take for granted in other vital areas. One aspect of this runaway expenditure that causes outrage is the high cost of some cases. The top I per cent of civil cases use up 14 per cent of civil legal aid and in crime, the top I per cent of jury trials cost about 40 per cent of the total spent. The outcry that provokes grows when the people involved seem to be

wealthy. Steps to tackle the probiem will continue to be taken. Among the most successful has been the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). Set up in 1996 to investigate the finances of apparently wealthy people in civil cases, its

schievements are clear. Hoon: prices fear Of the 211 investigations carried out by the end of March this year, 203 resulted in no legal aid being granted. We must expand the unit's brief quickly to protect the taxpayers' pocket in criminal cases. That is why the Legal Aid Board has now agreed to pull out all the stops to

criminal cases by next summer. The board has also been quick to learn lessons from notorious cases, such as Dr Hashim's unsuccessful attempt to defend fraud allegations. which could cost the taxpayer £4 million. Not only would the unit now investigate such a case, but the board now sets limits on how long emergency legal aid can last before eligibility is established. It also sets limits on how much work can be done and on expenses incurred by a solicitor without informing the board. Uncomfortable experiences, such as the Hashim case, have also led the board to seek independent legal advice more often on the merits of cases rather than relying on the opinion of the party's own lawyer.

extend the unit's investigation to

concerns are not just cases like that of Dr Hashim but also multiparty actions. The Benzodiazapine litigation, for example, cost almost £40 million and achieved little for those involved. Because the Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairy, QC, is determined to cut out such waste, he insists thinking already in train about ways of controlling highcost eases should continue while the more general review of legal aid is being undertaken by Sir Peter Middleton. The first fruit of that was the publication last week of the board's consultation paper.

When the Price is High. To discourage lawyers from running weak cases, the board suggests they shoulder part of the risk of losing by being paid less when that happens. To keep costs down, the board also

proposes that lawyers should bid for cases, and that price should be a factor in deciding which lawyer takes it on, an innovation in the law which is commonplace else-where in life. And to gain a firmer grip still the winner of the bid would

enter a detailed contract with the board, which would include price ceilings, and which could be monitored as the case progressed.

The board's paper raises important issues on which it would be premature for the Government to take a view until both consultations on it and, more importantly, Sir Peter Middleton's wider review of legal aid have been completed. That said, the paper is a valuable contribution to the debate. If anyone wants their views on high-cost civil cases to be taken into account, once Sir Peter has reported in autumn, they would be well advised to respond to the paper promptly. Those responses will also inform consultations on highcost criminal cases later this year.

No one should doubt the Government's determination to see legal aid providing good value for taxpayers and good quality services for those citizens who need help. But to achieve that, we must get a firm grip on prices charged by lawyers. If we believe that justice is beyond value, it is vital that we make it affordable.

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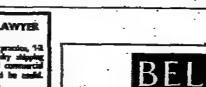
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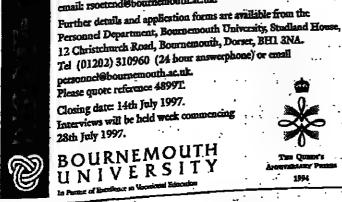
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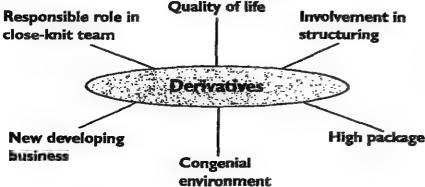
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"Everybody loves a bad guy." one American journalist said. "They want to see what Tyson will do next. That's why the next fight will be even more successful."

If this depressing view is correct, and there is every reason to think that it could be, as big money can get around any problem, it would be a sad commentary on the administrators and promoters

While the sight of Tyson Holyfield's ear might seem amusing to hardened boxing fans who revel in the sport's seediness, it violated the sensibilities of ordinary lovers of sport. As Jim Thomas. Holyfield's attorney and adviser, said: "I felt embarrassed to have been involved in

something so unseemly." Dr Carole Lieberman, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California. Los Angeles, and psychiatrist to numerous sportsmen and women, said in the Las Vegas Review-Journal vesterday: "I think he [Tyson] acts on his impulse in much the way a sixyear-old would. In this case he wasn't getting his way so he had a temper tantrum and

acted upon his basic instincts." Is this the kind of role model that boxing wants young admire? Don Turner, Holyfield's trainer, believes that some damag has already been done. "All Tyson's behaviour in the ring will do is encourage kids to buy rap records about biting

Clearly, Don King, Tyson's promoter, who for once did :



Tyson and King, in happier times, celebrating a victory for the former champion

not want any publicity and was not available for comment, will be fighting Tyson's corner at the inquiry into the events of Saturday by the Nevada State Athletic Commission. From his post-fight comments, King did not think After the Tyson-Holyfield that Tyson had done anything particularly reprehensible.

Even if he wanted to, he would find it impossible to bring Tyson under control, especially when the view of John Horne, Tyson's co-manager, is considered, "All I know is Mike's got a cut over his eye three inches long and Evander's got a little nip on his ear that don't mean noth-Home said. "He [Holyfield] jumped around like a little bitch, that's what

he did. The MGM and other casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City will no doubt be examining the profitability of Tyson fights. Will they make more money from his contests, regardless of the damage they risk being caused to their hotels, or from families who come to relive the Wizard of Oz and other fantasy experiences at their hotels?

fight, the scene outside the MGM was reminiscent of an action movie. Suddenly, the street was full of shricking police sirens, people being taken to hospital on stretchers and policemen dodging about behind parked cars with guns at the ready. The MGM must have lost millions as its gaming sections and other facilities had to shut down for the night when boxing fans panicked and stampeded through the hotel on Saturday.

Despite this. Dennis Dahl. MGM's Sportsbook (the hotel bookmaker], said Holvfield-Tyson III would be a huge success. "People love controversy and how much more controversial an ending can you get than this?" Dahl said. I wish it weren't that way, but controversy sells tickets. If they fought again, a lot of people would come to town and there would be long lines at the betting window. If that ever happened, we'd be talking about a huge handle.

All this brought to mind the words of Steven Spielberg, who said about making films: "Once it used to be 'what it'. and now it is 'what the heck'. Dr Ferdie Pacheco, the fight

analyst for Showtime, the television company behind Tyson, is right in saying: "Where there's big money, there's big forgiveness and big amnesia, then we can guess that the MGM's decision might well be, what the heck." That is why the Nevada State Athletic Commission should see that Tyson never

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# South Africa shuffle the pack

IN VANDERBLILPARK

SOUTH AFRICA, devastated by the loss of the international series with the British Isles. have revised the pack that all but won them the second international in Durban last Saturday. They will take two newcomers into the third and final international at Ellis Park, in Johannesburg, this Saturday and four forwards have fallen by the way.

Injuries account for the absence of the experienced Mark Andrews and Ruben Kruger, but Adrian Garvey and Naka Drotske have been dropped from the front row. In addition. Henry Honiball, the Natal stand-off half, has gone and his place goes to Jannie de Beer, who has hovered on the brink of Springbok selection for the past two years. Carel du Plessis, the belea-

guered coach, will yet again face criticism for the omission from midfield of Hennie le Roux, and he will start his fourth international in charge with yet another goalkicker against Tonga and the Lions in Cape Town. Edrich Lubbe was first choice. Honiball and Percival Montgomery shared the duty in Durban and now de Beer will take over.

De Beer, 26, played for the Free State against the Lions in Bloemfontein last week and kicked all but one of his goals though, after Neil Jenkins's immaculate 15-point display. which won the Lions the international, the Springboks are closing the stable door with the horse long gone. De Beer will be joined by another new cap from the Free State, Johan Erasmus, on the flank with Krynauw Otto replacing Andrews at lock.

James Dalton, the fiery Guuteng hooker, returns for his lifteenth cap instead of Drotske and Dawie Theron, a replacement in Durban, retains the place at tight-head prop ahead of Garvey.

Ironically, Fran Cotton, the Lions manager and an epit-ome of confidence, admitted yesterday that he had believed the series would stand at 1-1 when it entered its final week. Hence the need for management and players to redefine their objectives. In the light of their success in Durban.

The players have resolved not to let slip the standards that they have imposed upon themselves and to finish with a flourish, against Northern Free State at Welkom today and against the Springboks in Johannesburg, It is the kind of

**Dealer South** 



Stanger, who makes his first appearance for the Lions today, talks tactics with McGeechan, the head coach

TEAMS

cold, down-to-earth analysis that has helped the Lions to their remarkable success.

Whatever Cotton may achieve within rugby union in future, as administrator or policy-maker, it is unlikely to surpass what he has done in his passionate conviction that the Lions must be sustained as a force for good, not only in northern-hemisphere rugby, but in a global context.

The party has been swamped with messages of congratulation from various rugby organisations in Britain and Ireland, and from the All England tennis club at Wimbledon, where two other home favourites, Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, dug themselves out of difficulties over the same weekend. There has, though, been no official recognition for their achievement from the Minister for Sport, at which Cotton raised only a mildly surprised eyebrow.

"We feel the battle is now within ourselves," Cotton said. "In the last two Tests, we have been fighting for our lives. We don't have to do that any more, the battle is more a mental one. The mood in the camp is one of determination to win these last two games with the kind of rugby we have been producing all tour."

That should not be a prob-

lem in Welkom's North-West Stadium, even though today's opponents include Eric Herbert, who stands behind only Naas Botha as the most prolific points-gatherer in the history of the domestic game here.

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Herbert and Jurie Jerling, at half back, form the experienced core of a Northern Free State team expected to be the weakest opponents the Lions will meet on tour. They did beat Eastern Province in their opening Currie Cup match last month but, a week later, were crushed 63-18 by Griqualand West, which is no great recommendation.

The Lions, who discounted

Keith Wood, Eric Miller, Alan

Tait and Richard Hill from selection because of minor injuries, will give first games to Kyran Bracken and Tony Stanger, at scrum half and wing respectively. All being well. Stanger will rejoin the Scotland development tour tomorrow but Bracken, who arrived a fortnight ago as Robert Howley's replacement, has had to play second fiddle to the requirements of international match preparation.

Nick Beal, who has scored four tries in two games at left wing and two at full back, takes up another position, at inside centre, where he has played for Northampton.

SAILING

# Turner's joy tempered by weather forecast

By EDWARD GORMAN

MARK TURNER, one of three Britons entered in the Mini-Transatlantic race this year, yesterday moved up from fourteenth to fifth place in the Mini-Fastnet race, as the 26-strong fleet sped to-wards the Fastnet Rock off the south-east coast of Ireland: The double-handed race,

which started on Saturday, is open only to the Mini-class 2lft boats and serves as a qualifier for the single-hand-ed Mini-Transat, which starts later this summer. It is run over a 600-mile course, from Trebeurden, in Brittany, to the Fastnet and back aga

Turner, sailing with Fred Leclere in Carphone Warehouse, is giving his boat its first proper outing for over a year and was worried that redicted strong northwesterly winds expected to sweep across the fleet today could inflict a lot of damage, especially to his mast.

behind Pascal Fievet, of France, the race leader, and still had about 140 miles of increasingly tough conditions to reach the rock. Ellen MacArthur, Britain's other entry, sailing with her fellow Briton, Keith Willis, in Le Poisson, was mid-fleet in thir-

teenth position. Meanwhile, John Derbyshire. Olympic racing manager for the Royal Yachting Association, said yesterday that he was much encouraged by the performance of Britain's leading dinghy sailors at Kiel Week, which ended on Sunday. Among the best results were second place over-all for both Shirley Robertson, in the Europe, and

Ben Ainslie in Lasers, who

finished well ahead of his old

rival Robert Scheidt, of Brazil. The BT Global Challenge fleet was yesterday well on its way from Boston on the second day of the last leg of the race back to Southampton. The early leader was Andy Hindiey's Save The Children with Chris Tibbs, in Concert, second and Mark Lodge, in Motorola, third. The race leader and likely overall winner, Mike Golding, in Group 4, had a poor start, but had climbed back to sixth yesterday, only a few miles behind Hindley.

# Tottenham try to tempt Juninho

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ALAN SUGAR, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, yes-terday concluded the first phase of his ambitious efforts to sign Juninho, the Middlesbrough midfield player, when his offer of Ell million was accepted by the Nationwide-League first division club. The easy part negotiated, he now faces the more onerous task of persuading the Brazilian that his future lies at White Hart

Atletico Madrid still harbour hopes of enticing Juninho to Spain, and although their initial bid of £10 million was rejected — as was a similar approach from Manchester United - they have not lost interest. Atlético claim that Juninho, 24, has already signed a pre-contract agreement that could lead to a fouryear deal worth £8 million

Middlesbrough reacted indignantly. "We hope he hasn't signed any such thing as he is our player and under contract to us." Dave Allan, a club spokesman, said. "We consider it would be illegal for him to do so. We received a written bid of £11 million from Spurs and that has been accepted. It is now up to them to agree personal terms with the

That may prove difficult. Juninho would prefer a move to Spain, where he believes it will be easier for him to regain favour with Mario Zagallo, the Brazil coach. "Italian and Spanish football is shown non-stop on TV here," Juninho, who is on holiday at his home in Brazil, said. "The English game isn't."

Sugar and Gerry Francis, the .Tottenham manager, spoke with Oswaldo, Juninho's father and adviser, at the

weekend. Francis was prepared to travel to São Paulo for further negotiations but may now wait until tomorrow. when Juninho is due to return to England for pre-season training with Middlesbrough.

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"We've not yet spoken to the player but we're on stand-by to fly out to Brazil if need be," Daniel Sugar, the Tottenham operations manager, said. We're delighted our offer has been accepted ... It shows how serious we are about challenging for honours."

However, some supporters remain unconvinced, viewing the bid as no more than a cosmetic exercise after the sale of Teddy Sheringham to Manchester United last week. 'If it's true, and the deal goes through, it's fantastic," Joff Wild, of the Tottenham Action Group, said, "but if we're being taken for a ride again, it's a serious mistake.'

Gianfranco Zola, the Italy and Chelsea striker, may leave Stamford Bridge at the end of next season. He wants to conclude his playing days with Cagliari in Sardinia. where he was born.

"Footballers need motiva-tion to exist and it is for this reason I have decided to finish my career with Cagliari," Zola, who has a contract at Chelsea until 2000, said

yesterday.
Szabolcs Safar, the goalkeeper who has been capped six times by Hungary, will travel to London this week for contract negotiations with West Ham United, pending a transfer from Vasas, his Budapest club.

Bobby Robson has accepted demotion to general manager with Barcelona: He has been replaced as head coach by Louis van Gaal.

# Bullivant engaged

TERRY BULLIVANT moved from Barnet to become manager of Reading yesterday. He conducted final negotiations with the Nationwide League first division club from a telephone box on a beach in Minorca, where he was on holiday (Russell .. Kempson

Bullivant, 40, is joined at Eim Park by Alan Pardew, the Barnet midfield player, who takes over as reserve-team

Mike Sheron, the Stoke City

striker, is expected to sign for Queens Park Rangers for £2.5 million today. Gareth Farrelly, the Ireland and Aston Villa midfield player, is to complete his move to Everton for £1.5 million. It will be the first signing made by Howard Kendall, the new Everton

manager. Chris Waddle is likely to join Sheffield United, Kendall's former club, in a coaching role alongside Nigel

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

## By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When you have a choice of two lines of play, isolating where one line gains or loses over the other will enable you to decide which is better. This is a hand from the 1996 Olympiad.

Love all

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## Contract: Seven Spades by South. Lead: jack of hearts.

There has been no opposition bidding. At the table the declarer cashed the ace and king of spades, in case East had Jaxa, drew trumps and took a club finesse, to go two off. Clearly declarer thought the entry problems to the South hand were such that it was not possible to arrange a heart ruff, and thus avoid having to take the club finesse.

But John Armstrong pointed out to me that another possibility is to play the ace of spades and a spade to the queen. With the jack of spades falling, declarer can now ruff a heart with the king of spades. return to hand with the king of diamonds and draw trumps. Now there are thirteen tricks without the club finesse.

If you pass the first test of noticing that there are indeed two lines of play, how do you decide which is better? Playing the ace of spades and a spade to the queen gains against the the jack of spades is doubleton

and the king of clubs is wrong. It loses when East has Jxxx of spades and the king of clubs is with West. The two locations of the king of clubs are each 50%, so the problem reduces itself to asking which is more likely, spades 3-2 with either hand holding jack doubleton. or spades 4-1 with East having

I give the exact calclulation below, but a rough and ready approach is to say that Jx is about half of the 3-2 breaks. and Jxxx with East is about half the 4-1 breaks. As a 3-2 break is more than twice as line is ace of spades and low to the aucen.

The numbers: a 3-2 break is 68%, and Jx is two fifths of that, or about 27%; a 4-1 break is 28%, and Jxxx with East is one half times four lifths of that, or about 11%.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

## WORD-WATCHING

## By Philip Howard

ALOCASIA a. A tropical plant b. Inability to locate c. The Middle East

GIOCOSO

a. A co-op b. A poll tax c. The Gila monster **FASCHING** 

a. Reed thatch

a. A jester c. Carnival b. The funny-bone Answers on page 50 - c. Merrily in music

# KEENE on CHESS Position after White's 31st move

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Ahead of his time

With the unveiling at the end of this month of the memorial to Howard Staunton by the Staunton Society, I continue to give some of the masterpieces by a player whom many consider to have been Britain's greatest. In today's game he demonstrates a strategy way ahead of its time, sacrificing rook for bishup to gain control of important squares. The diagram reveals the crucial

White: Saint Amant 💎 Black: Howard Staunton Match Paris (Game 21) 1843 Queen's Gambit Declined

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Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday,

## WINNING MOVE

## By Raymond Keene

from the game Horwitz -Staunton, London 1851. The black queen is attacked. but Staunton found a way to avoid retreating. How did he continue?

Solution on-page 50



# **ATHLETICS**

## ATHLETICS

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FOOTBALL . WORLD CUP: Concacel qualifying zone: Final stage: El Salvador 1 United States 1 in San Saturdor 1 United States 1 in San Saturdor 1 United States 1 in San Saturdor 1 Group two: Salva Vale (Welley) 0 Cosmo Graz (Austrel) 0 Group stere (Welley) 0 Group stere (Welley) 1 Group stere (Well) 0 Santaurspor (Turl 1 Group sight Turliu 1/4) 1 Hagful Hode (Turl 2 Group stere) 1/40 ft Santaurspor (Turl 1 Group sight Turliu 1/40 ft Hagful Hode (Turli 2) Group tere: Spartes Verna (Bed) 0 Group (English) Coron (Santaurspor (Hode) 2 Group 12: Italia Coro. 2 Meant (Geol 0 SPANISH LEAGUE: First (Meson play-off, second leg: Rayo Videcano 2 Maltorca 1

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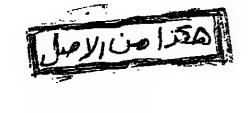
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**FUGBY UNION** Tour matches Mpurnalenga v Scotland XV (at Nelspruil, 6.0). Northern Free State v British Inles. XV (al Welkom, 2.15)

CRICKET SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four). Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Leocester-AON TROPHY (one day). Bristot: Gloucostershire v Sornerset The Oval: Surrey v Kant. Park Avenue, Bradford: Yorkshire v Durham.

Yorkshire v Durham. MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (Inst day of mon: Tot: Cheshire v Devon. Jesmond: Northumberland v Setfolk. OTHER SPORT

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# RACING: RYAN POISED TO RIDE BENNY THE DIP AGAIN IN SHOWDOWN AGAINST CECIL'S TALENTED FILLY

# Bosra Sham faces four rivals in Eclipse

BY DICK HINDER

BOSRA SHAM faces a maximum of four rivals in the hundredth running of the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday.

Described as "the best I have ever trained" by Henry Cecil, the filly will line up in the smallest Eclipse field since Pebbles beat three rivals in

Bosra Sham, the eightlength winner of the Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot. is odds-on favourite with the

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: NORDIC BREEZE (2.00 Chepstow) Next best: Alnah (4.30 Chepstow)

sponsors to land her fourth group one victory, after her triumphs in the 1,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes last year and the Fillies' Mile at the Ascot festival in 1995.

The only three-year-old left among the acceptors is the Vodalone Derby winner, Benny The Dip. He looks likely to be ridden by his Epsom partner. Willie Ryan, as Frankie Denori is almost certain to be

claimed by Godolphin for Allied Forces. The line-up is completed by last year's Breeders' Cup Turf



Bosra Sham is chasing her fourth group one victory in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday

winner Pilsudski, trained by Michael Staute, and the Geoff Wragg-trained Sasuru, who landed the Gordon Richards Stakes over the course and distance in April. Godolphin's racing manag-er, Simon Crisford, confirmed

the Queen Anne Stakes winner, Allied Forces, as a likely runner in the Eclipse, preventing Dettori from teaming up with Benny The Dip. "It's a small field but you can't get much better than those five." he said. "Allied Forces has

done very well since Royal Ascot and we think the step up to a mile and a quarter will suit him."

Benny The Dip's trainer, John Gosden, said: "I needed to check that Willie Ryan wouldn't be needed by Henry

Cecil at Haydock and it looks as if he will be available. However, I still need to sit down and discuss the matter with the horse's owner." Sandown's clerk of the course, Andrew Cooper, reported the ground at Sandown

as "good to soft" yesterday. He said: "It was been dry today and we basically had a dry weekend, though obviously if there was more rain it would turn soft pretty sharpish."

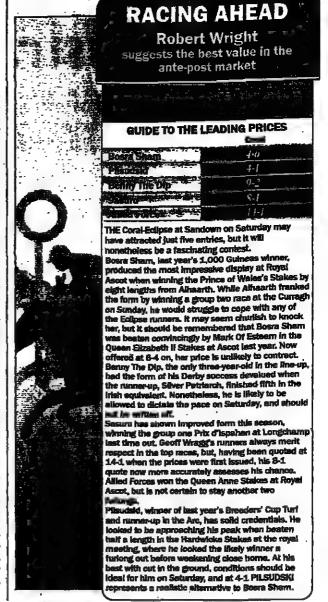
Coral, the sponsor, was far from downcast at the small field. They are five topquality horses," Simon Clare, a spokesman, said. "We've got last year's 1,000 Guineas winner Bosta Sham, who is possibly the best older horse in training. There's the Derby winner, Benny The Dip, and Pilsudski, who is one of the most travelled and most versatile horses around."

Clare added: "Previously when there have been eight or nine runners there have often been three at 25-1, but this year we have got pure quality."

Coral makes Bosra Sham

6-4 on to lift the prize with Benny The Dip's price out to 9-2 third best after the defeat of his Epsom victim, Silver Patriarch, at the Curragh on Sunday.

Timeform, the Halifaxbased analysts, has not altered its rating of Desert King after his win in Sunday's Irish Derby. He remains on 123, the figure he was given after his Irish 2,000 Guineas victory. We cannot rate him better than an average Irish Derby winner but there is the possibility of better to come," Timeform handicapper, Stewart Copeland, said.



# CHEPSTOW

2.00 Clued Up 2.30 Ballero

THUNDERER 3,30 Edna's Gift 4.00 Kaliana 4.30 Cugina

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 SEATTLE SWING.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Mengaab. 4.30 DOYELLA (nap). 5.00 Media Star.

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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# 3.00 STEWARDS TRIAL HANDICAP (E5,378: 51) (13 runners)

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302	(4)		: "ESTCOURT MAGIC 6 (D.F.G.) (K. Hodgson) M. W. Ezskeby 4-9-11 K. Dadey 18	
303	(10)	0-14000	REPERTORY 11 (D,C) (M Saunders) M Saunders 4-9-10	
384	(1)	1-20560	MYFRADON 10 (B.D.S) ON Worms Mrs. L. Shietes 3-9-4 J. F. Egan. 97	
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386	13.85	4140200	AMSELIMAN 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Ansalts of Walters) J Berry 7-9-1 P Festing (S) 97	
307	(3)	-351605	ASSTER JOLSON & (D.F.G.S) (8 Flating) R Hodges 8-8-12 L Disting 97	
338	[5]	0103303	SO INTREPIO 2 (D.F.O.S.) (E Haymand) 1 Bradley 7-8-10 5 December 1	
338	n	0-08054	BAJAN ROSE 6 (B.BF,C.O.F.G.S) (C McKenne) M Blanshed 5-8-10 . J Caden 98	
310	(2)	0-20335	LLRUAR MEST 24 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs P Barrat) M Meade 4-8-8 R Bristoni (7) 62	
311	(6)	-221206	MANGES 10 (CLF) (Canadiany Stables Link It C-Brown 3-8-6 Martin Drayer (3) 84	
312	(13)		CAUDA BOURNA 10 (D.F.S) (M Foy) M Channer 3-8-5 P P Marphy (2) 94	
313			FILMS IN THE FAMILY / (ILD.S) (G GOVERNOOD) G McCount S-7-13 (Part IR Mades (S) 96	
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# 3.30 BREAM CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,513: 61) (7 runners)

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3	161		THE IMPOSTER (D Muray Smith) () Muray Smith 8-11 C Lowder (7)	-
M.	. 🖷	0	SATIS 101 (8 Walters Catagora) M. Channott 8-6 P.P. Marghy (5)	-
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6	(1)	120	EDNA'S GIFT 14 (O.F) (S Berry) J Burry 8-2 P Featury (3)	
7	(2)	6145	EDMA'S GET 14 (O.F) (S Berry) J Burry 8-2	g
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FORM FOCUS

AEDIA STAR best Sm Glamore Melody 111 to 8numer manden at Radicar (1m 64 good) GUMAAR
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154 4th of 10 to Satista on handscap at Nothingham
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(2m 44, good) with SPRING MARATHON (2m)

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# Crystal Hearted aims for Ayr

CRYSTAL HEARTED, the runaway winner of the listed Dee Stakes at Chester in May, is to have his next opting in

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the group three Scottish Classic at Ayr on July 21.

The Henry Candy-trained colt took his chance in the Vodafone Derby after his nurces on the Roodee and led the field at Epsom for a mile. But he faded tamely in the closing stages and finished twelfth of 13 behind Benny The Dip.

However, Candy now reports the son of Broken Hearted back in fast work, in good form and ready for a

# A STEEL DE LES RESULTS

## Pontefract

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2.45 (5) 1, SUIVEZ LA TRACE (J Carrol,
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22-30, £1-10. DF. 524-20, Tric: 223-10.

CSF- 225.46.

3.15 (1m 46 Byd) 1, CAPTAIN FLINT (R. Winston, 20-1); 2, Digital Option (J. Fortune, 11-2); 3, Ocean Breatze (J. Bramhill, 4-1 (J.-Iaw), ALSO RAN- 4-1 (J.-Iaw), Fortune Hopper (4th), Milsterton, 8 Fearless Sigux (6th), 13-2 Wheldon, 9 Real Freight, 12 Ballychrero, 33 Balle Denielle, 10 ran, 151, 194, 161, sh hd, 81, A Smith at Bewarley, Tote: 227.80, 27.50, 22.20, 21.10, DF: 2105.10 Tric: 287.80, CSF: 2128.27. Tricest: 2502.98.

3.45 (8) 1, WATCH THE FIRE RA Malance \$128.27. Tricest: \$502.98.
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KEVIN DARLEY rode a 10-1 double at Pontefract yesterday on Silence Reigns and Marton Moss. Silence Reigns, a 13-8 on chance, was an impressive winner of the Wragby Maiden Stakes. Jimmy Scott, representing trainer Michael Stoute, said: "He was uplucky not to win first time

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# Salisbury seals first victory for Surrey

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (fipts) bt Nottingham-

SO SURREY have won a championship match at last. They did so with just five balls remaining, Ian Salisbury taking a sixth, deserved wicket through the kind of sharp catch by James Knott that would have delighted his re-vered father. Nottinghamshire, who were left to make 252 to win in trying conditions, were always thinking in terms of playing for a draw rather than any pyrotechnics. Without their captain, John-

son, who has a broken finger, they did not but with any great resolve. Robinson again went early and it was simply a matter after that of whether they could cope with the turning ball on a pitch still moist after all the rain of last week. It was cutting up at both ends, providing sufficient rough for the spinners. Salisbury and Saqlain Mushtaq.

Salisbury. unaccountably, was not brought on until the last over before tea. He had taken only mine first-class wickets hitherto this season, which no doubt came into his captain's reckoning. By the end of the day, he was bowling with every fielder encircling the bat, which in itself will have done something for his self-esteem.

Thorpe held three sharp catches at slip, Butcher one at silly mid-off, Afzaal was bowled off a pad and Knott, standing up, accounted for Bowen as the ball lifted and turned. In the mind's eye, one could see his father, Alan. keeping wicket to Derek Underwood with similar expertise. Salisbury's figures of o for 19 were his best for his

Saqlain bowled with guile and variation, angling his delivery all the while. He took the important wicket of Pol-lard, the opening batsman, who was grimly tenacious to the extent of taking 38 minutes to get off the mark and, when he changed ends, he had Hindson leg-before with his first ball. He and Salisbury got through their overs so quickly that four more were bowled than had been envisaged. That said, the clock at the Vauxhall End was showing from, the scheduled clos of play, when the final and decisive over began.

Nottinghamshire had declared at their overnight total, 128 runs in arrears, and the collusion between the captains meant that they were left with a minimum of 59 overs' batting. Surrey themselves had not exactly made their requisite number of runs with any degree of certitude. Butcher, for instance, was hit on his left thumb by Franks early in the day, damaging a nail which required taping up, and he was out next ball.

He, like Stewart, whose wife is in hospital, will still be joining England at Old Trafford today. So, of course, will Thorpe, whose 34 was Surrey's highest score. Lewis again made some runs and took the wicket of Robinson for the second time in the match with a hall that lifted off a length. Given that his victim was once his captain at one of his former counties, the result will have pleased him as much

# Australians enjoy revival of fortunes

By Alan Lee Cricket correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of three): the Australians beat Hampshire by an innings and

THE contemptuous ease with which Hampshire were overpowered yesterday cleared the worry lines that have marked the features of Mark Taylor for the past six weeks. "That," the Australian captain said, "was by far our best periormance. It finally feels like we are into this tour."

As the Australians' pro-gramme is fast approaching its midway point, this is some measure of their toils. An abbreviated preparation left them short of form for the oneday internationals and short of cohesion for the first Test. The weather has since mocked

Only in this game have the pieces of the jigsaw begun to knit together and Taylor's expression told of the relief. "We couldn't really have asked for more out of it." he said. "This is the type of thing we did regularly on the last two tours, coming out and dominating teams from the start. It has been very encouraging."

Taylor is too shrewd to read much into the result alone. Hampshire are a weak side and they played into the Australians' hands by batting first when the pitch was damp. John Stephenson, whose woes as captain of Hampshire were compounded by a "pair", claimed that he had batted for patriotic reasons, that, with rain forecast, he might deny the touring team crucial batting time.

It was a decision that fell flat on every count. Hampshire's batting on the opening day was so woeful that the Australians were replying by mid-afternoon and, as the rain stayed away, they occupied the crease for four fruitful sessions. After that, the outcome was a formality and the focus of interest yesterday rested on the contest for places in the Australia seam attack at Old

Trafford on Thursday. This is one matter that

BY STMON WILDE

WORCESTER (final day of

four): Lancashire (19pts) beat

Worcestershire (0) by three

ANDREW FLINTOFF, the

England Under-19 captain.

played the innings of his life

yesterday to transform an

imminent fourth successive

defeat for Lancashire into a

long-overdue first champion-

ship win of the season. Com-

ing in with his side at 52 for

four, and their target of 236 a

distant prospect, he turned the

match around with an in-

nings of 70 from 10t balls that

contained ten fours, a six and

by Hegg, with whom he

shared a partnership of 98 at

almost a run per ball for the seventh wicket and who, in

company with Martin, presid-

ed over the final rites. Flintoff

was leg-before to Leatherdale

with 33 needed but Martin

came in and caimed nerves by

Hegg's unbeaten 54 was

priceless but it was Flintoff.

19. who first gave the impres-

sion, in a sparky partnership of 41 with Austin, that Lanca-

thumping 24 from 17 balls.

Flintoff was ably assisted

bags of composure.



Milburn, the Hampshire batsman, is bowled by Kasprowicz as the last wicket falls to the Australians. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

though certainly not to trouble him. "All the bowlers came through superbly here and we are going to Manchester with fit men," he said. "The hardest thing is narrowing it down to 11, but that is a good

thrash but actually building a

platform for victory.

Through a combination of

under-19 commitments and

iniury. Flintoff has rarely

been seen in first-team cricket.

This was only his second

championship appearance

and five previous first-class

innings had yielded only 36

runs, but there is no doubting

He mixed sensible defence

with elegant hitting on both

sides of the wicket and every-

one who has been involved

with him - including David

Lloyd, who coached the

under-19 team before taking

over the national side - raves

about his prospects. He was

identified as a lively fast-

medium bowler at the age of

l6 but a back injury kept him

out of the game last year and

forced him to concentrate on

his batting.
"The problem is that one

side of his back has been

growing quicker than the

other," Graham Saville, the

England Under-19 manager,

said yesterday. "He is a big lad — 6ft 4in — but young and

has perhaps outgrown his

strength. He has tended to

play his shots too early but he

his pedigree.

With Glenn McGrath, who was happy to rest here, an automatic selection, two seam bowling positions lie between Jason Gillespie, Mike Kasprowicz and Paul Reiffel. The

latter, rushed into the Lord's Test and a canny exponent of slow. English pitches, may suddenly feel under pressure. for his two rivals shared six of the remaining eight wickets yesterday, sustaining a challenging pace and consistent

rounder." Unfortunately for

Lancashire, Flintoff is off to captain the under-19 side

Flintoff might have been

out for nought but Rhodes

spilt a low chance off Lampitt

that would have left Lanca-

shire tottering at 52 for five.

The light was then deteriorat-

ing but Flintoff and Austin

hung on well before, with

three lights on the board and

rain falling, Lampitt pulled

off a fine one-handed catch

TABLE

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Zimbabwe next

Reiffel had picked up the first of the day, forcing Jason Laney on to the back foot and taking his outside edge after a third-wicket stand of 77, but it

Flintoff sparks Lancashire revival

against

month.

Essex (5) .

Gloucs (13).

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sex (12)

was when Gillespie replaced him from the Northlands Road end that the Hampshire resistance wilted.

Gillespie, making his return from hamstring trouble sustained in the Edgbaston Test, had worn new boots on Saturday and earned himself a painful blister. Re-equipped with his faithful old pair, he rushed in yesterday with a venom that even surprised his

from a hard-hit drive from

the middle, the umpires called

an early tea and, when played

resumed, the light had im-

proved. Flintoff struck the

ball cleanly and dealt ruth-

lessly with Leatherdale, who

was pressed into service in the

absence of Haynes, who was

off the field with back trouble

of his own. Flintoff's maiden

fifty contained 42 runs in

Even when they were losing

wickets, Lancashire scored so

briskly that the 64 overs

available to them never came

into play. They won with L2

overs to spare but their target did not appear generous when Newport and Sheriyar

were beating the bat in their

Newport quickly accounted for Wood and Crawley.

Sheriyar for Atherion with a

fine outswinger. Lloyd blazed away for a while before play-

ing round a ball from

Lampitt. Flintoff was dropped

opening spells.

Before Hegg could reach

might try to ease himself back. but when you're 22 and on your first Ashes tour, you don't ease into anything.

Kendall was his first victim, creasebound and palpably legfirst ball, fatally going back to a ball of full length. The most important blow was struck. when Robin Smith played a stiff forcing shot and edged at

Shane Warne held the carch. Smith had laboured 148 minutes for 44, adding only 17 in 95 minutes yesterday.

With him, however, went the prospect of serious Hampshire defiance. Gillespie rested with session figures of three for seven from eight overs and Kasprowicz, suitably galvanised, took three of the last four wickets as the Australians secured their second first-class

# Oxford's surrender bodes ill for Lord's

By RUPERT COX

TAUNTON . (final . day three): Somerset beat Oxford University by an innings and 40 runs

IT WAS scarcely the prepara-tion for the University match at Lord's tomorrow that Oxford University desired. Having confirmed an impotence in their bowling resources, the Oxford batsmen capitulated to 93 for five at tea yesterday and Somerset, despite some tailend resistance, completed an innings victory with 13 balls to

Only a competent sixthwicket stand of 44 between Chetan Patel and James Averis, plus some stern defence from the lower order. stemmed the tide after more distinguished batsmen had succumbed to Richard Sladdin, the former Derbyshire slow left-arm bowler, who gleaned five for 60 on his

spare.

No IL batting left-handed, but was adjudged leg-before first

Somerset, meanwhile, were left to contemplate the steady decline of their young opening batsmen. Mark Lathwell and Marcus Trescothick. Not so long ago, they were being touted as their openers for a decade to come. Trescothick's dip in form has been longterm, while Lathwell, demoted in the order for this match, has managed just 241 first-class runs this season.

A spell as second-team openers beckons, such is the decline of batsmen short of both confidence and advoit

In the morning, Somerset added 150 runs before the declaration, with Michael Burns and Keith Parsons accounting for the bulk of the scoring with a lively fifthwicket stand of 81. Burns.

#### again on 57, a simple chance to Sheriyar, but by then it was Somerset debut. indulging himself against almost too late for Worcester-Oxford had hoped that some friendly fire, cracked 56 at a run a ball, leaving Oxford Mark Wagh, their injured shire. The bowler was Moody and he only puts himself on captain, would not have to bat. to score 232 to avoid an

## YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley's Challenge Series Hampshire v Australiaus SCUTH-MPTON (final day of three) Australians basil Hampshire by an energy and 139 runs

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Umpires HiD Bird and B Leadlocates Britannic Assurance county championship

Northamptonshire v Gloverstershire LUTON (final day of four). Northampton (fire (2015) crew with Gloucesleishee (3)

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A M Smith b Curran
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Total (7 wids dec, 54 overs)

X P Shiverag and J J Lewis did not bat.

t J A knott not out Total (6 wkts dec) NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 73 for Second Innings

BCWUNG Mohammad Arram 14-4 Taylor 12-1-40-0 Curran 15-3-69-4 well 10-5-14-0 Persperitly 3-0-19-0 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Fast innings

Total (6 wids, 19.3 overs) .... J P Taylor, Mohammad Akram and S A J Boswell did not bat FALL GF WICKETS 1-0, 2-2, 3-12, 4-18, 5-18, 6-37 BCV/LR/G Smith 10-3-36-3 Lewis 3 3-6-21-3 Umpires A Pairner and A A White

Surrey v Nottinghamshire THE OVAL (final day of four) Surrey (17;45) beat Nottinghamshire (4) by 131 runs SURRÉY: First Innings 201 for 9 dec (P J Franks 4 for 47)

Franks 4 (cr 47)
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G P Thorpe o Franks b Bowen
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A D Brown o Robinson b Franks
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123 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-27, 3-41, 4-50, 5-66, 6-98 BOWLING Evens 8-0-20-2 Frants 3-3-20-2 Bower 9 2-1-34-1 Hindson 8-3-31-1

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Worcestershire v Laurenshire WORCESTER (final day of four) Lan-cashire (19pts) beat Wordestershire by three wickets WOACESTERSHIRE: First Innings 100 for

Second Innancs TS Curtis not out W P C Westor not out Extras (b 1, b 3 w 4 nb 4) Total (no wid dec) ..... BOWLING: Snadlord 8-1-51-0: Martin 9-1-23-0; Austin 8-2-15-0; Lloyd 6.5-0-42-0

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8 2-14, 3-52 4-52 5-64, 8-105, 7-203. 80WLNG Newport 15-3-53-2 Sherryar 8-0-47-1, Lampit: 14-3-46-2 Leatherdale 11-10-70-2 Moodly 4-0-20-0 Umpres V A Holder and T 5 Jesty

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University match Somerset v Oxford Univ TAUNTON (that day of three). Somerser book Clichard University, by an into high and 46 nurs

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# **Swinging Smith and Lewis** prove unable to hold sway

By John Thicknesse

LUTON (final day of four: Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (3pts) drew with Gloucestershire (3)

ONLY the weather deprived Gloucestershire of what was showing every sign of becoming a well-deserved win at Wardown Park. They had much the better of their opponents, despite losing what could have been a critical toss. Having left themselves 42 overs in which to bowl Northamptonshire out, they required only 67 balls to tear them down to 26 for five, before drizzle cut 23 overs out

of the final session. Accurately as they continued to bowl, the task of taking the remaining five wickets in inside eight overs proved beyond even Mike Smith, the left-handed inswing bowler and a new England recruit. and Jon Lewis, who was bowling outswingers at a sharp pace. Aged 21, and standing 6ft 2in. Lewis was a member of the Northamptonshire staff in 1994.

mistake, it was in delaying their declaration until Northamptonshire had to score at 4.3 runs an over to overhaul their total of 180 for seven. It would be harsh to blame Northamptonshire made a

Mark Alleyne for that, however; with the exception of Mohammad Akram, their Pakistani fast bowler, and briefly Paul Taylor and Kevan Curran, the Northamptonshire bowling was so inconsisent that it was almost impossible to assess where the target should be pitched. With the Axa Life League match washed out on Sunday,

this proved to be an expensive few days for Northamptonshire on two fronts. They look to their home-from-home in Bedfordshire to yield some £10,000 in fine weather: and they also needed the points to get off the bottom of the championship table. Though Gloucestershire

batted with exaggerated wariness until Young. Alleyne and Russell added 93 for the sixth and seventh wickets, they were probably pleasantly surserious danger of being bowled out for something in the region of 130 in conditions so much in layour of seam and

promising start when Mohammad Akram, having knocked Wright off his feet with a yorker to the boot, had him caught at third slip next ball with one that lifted and left him - the first of three well-taken catches by Penberthy there From then until Russell came in at No 8 to score 31 off 37 balls, though, twice skipping away to leg to make room to drive Curran through extra cover, neither team played cricket to remember with pride. Trainor, fifth out for Gloucestershire, took 106 balls to make 20.

The early Northampton-shire basmen found it hard to lay a bat on Smith and Lewis in the first few overs, so much did the ball swing. When the game resumed at 6.20pm. however. Gloucestershire needed every chance to stick to win, and, in a half-light, that nowed on mich in ask

# England power of Scotland

BY DAVID RHYS JONES

BOWLS came home yesterday when the home international series returned to Worthing. the game's headquarters, for the first time since 1993. However, there was little for the host country to celebrate.

Scotland: the holders, though a little slow to get into

their stride, soon overhauled England, who had introduced six newcomers and recalled two former internationals after a poor performance saw them finish in third place in Ireland last year.
Richard Corsie, the chair-

man of the Professional Bowls Association, led the Scottish charge with Willie Wood, Scotland's most famous bowler, who is playing in his 31st international series, not far behind.

Corsie's rink outplayed David Ward's quartet, 26-15, while the 58-year-old Wood, playing as well as ever, skipped his rink to an 18-13 win over Lee Miller, a new England skip, from March in Cambridgeshire.

Another skip making his international debut, Danny Denison, from Devon, steered his men — including two new caps and a recall — to a 15-10 win over Alex Marshall in a low-scoring contest, 25 shots being scored in 21 ends.

In previous years, Scotland would have taken two points and England none, but the new scoring system awards ten points for overall victory. and two bonus points for each winning rink, so Scotland won

Wales, under the cosh for almost three bours, somehow escaped to defeat the Channel Islands, 122-103, and by 16-6. Earlier, John Ottaway, of Norfolk, who was hoping to regain the British Isles singles title that he last won in 1989. was beaten 21-12 in the semi-final by David Wilkins, who represented Wales in the Commonwealth Games of 1970.

Wilkins will meet Jeremy Henry, of Ireland, in the final. Henry, of Portrush, beat Pat Michally, of Scotland, 21-17. -Henry led 20-12 after 22 ends. but McNally railied with a... single and two doubles to close the gap to just three shots at 20-17. However, his fightback ended when Henry gained the single that he needed.

# ICC to rule on Tests under lights

TEST matches in the next series between Australia and South Africa could become the first to continue under floodlights during bad light, subject to approval by the International Cricket Council

A proposal by the Austra-lian Cricket Board, supported by South Africa, will be put to an ICC meeting in London next: week. Australia played under floodlights in poor light in tour matches in Cape Town and Johannesburg earlier this year. They return to the continent in December. Ali Bacher, the managing

director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, said: "If the ICC gives the go-ahead, the series later this year could be the first to be played under the new dispen-SQUASH: Peter Nicol, 24.

from Inverurie, near Aberdeen, has taken over from Rodney Eyles, of Australia, as the world No 2 behind Jansher Khan, of Pakistan. Chris Walker, the England No l, has dropped one place to No 7.

POLO: The contest for the British Open continued on Kerry Packer's pitch at-Stedham, Sussex, yesterday. with the match between the Buffalos, who are put together by the French player, Jean-Francois Decaux, and Packer's Ellerston White, who

Worn 9-6. ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, R Pemble (1), 2, G-Tanoka (8); 3, G Pieres (10), beck, 1 Gonzales. BUFFALOS: 1, JF Deceux (1): 2, J Bolint (7): 3, J Zavaletta (5): back, AFanshewe (4).

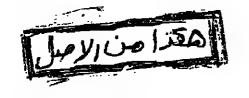
GOLF: Ireland will host a regional qualifying competition for the Open champion ship for the first time next year. County Louth has been. chosen as one of the 14 venues. Other new choices are. Blackmoor, in Hampshire. and Stockport.

HOCKEY: The England women's team slumped to their first defeat in the six nations' tournament in Seoul yesterday when they went down 20 to Holland

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# Special star sends satellite Briton speeding down to earth



TWO worlds inhabited by Mark-Petchey collided yesterday. The pristine lawns of Wimbledon's No 1 Court were an acceptable substitute for the crushed anthills of Chandigarh and the pulverised seashells of the Philippines. Unfortunately, Boris Becker is an entirely different animal from Dennis van Schepp-

ingen or Kaile Flygt.
Petchey subsided to a deliciously old-fashioned British defeat, winning just eight games as he delayed lunch for the corporate hospitality hordes for 97 minutes. It was a civilised submission, all smiles and shrugs, as a supine crowd made one wish: that every day was Middle

Becker, in his fourteenth Wimbledon, is playing to embellish a legend. He pays others to fret about his finances. Petchey, at the end of his ninth year on the professional tour, was playing for mortgage money. A third-round losers' cheque, for £16.810, will ease the culture shock of his passage back to "I hate to think what sort of places

I've been to," he said. "Some places I will never go back to, that's for sure. I don't really want to remember them. I've kind of pushed it to the back of my mind. You can't imagine the difference between Wimbledon and the Indian satellite. It's just like going to the moon."

A four-week tour of India, for tournaments in Jaipur, Chandigarh, Delhi and Calcutta, offers anonymity, suspect food and indescribable hotel rooms. Matches are played, without spectators and line judges, on recycled soil that is ground down to resemble clay: The weekly prize fund for such events is £25,000, and a handful of

computer points that are the hard

currency of professional tennis. Meanwhile, the All England Club will distribute the little matter of £6,884,952 to the players this year. A sense of scale, not to mention a sense of the surreal, is essential to such men as Petchey and Flygt, who beat him in the first round of the Malaysian tournament in Malacca in April. Petchey, approaching his 27th birthday, is quickly reaching



the crossroads of his career. He has lost his Davis Cup place and his world ranking, as high as 80 in August 1994, has slipped to 207. His first wedding anniversary, on Saturday, will increase the temptation to think beyond his cameo appearance in the British tennis explosion.

Nine years is a long time to go to

places where you turn up, check into some basic hotel and just go and play on something that's not even a park court," Petchey said. "After a while, if your ranking is on the slide, there is no motivation to do that. There is a point in my life when I'm sure I'll just sit down and say: 'No.

Michael Calvin finds Mark Petchey hungry

for another taste of the high life after his defeat by Boris Becker

this is enough. I'll just do something else. Right now, I've got an over-

whelming desire to get my ranking back, but I don't think, if I'm at 200 in 12 months' time, I'll particularly want to keep going. There's no doubt tennis is getting tougher and tougher. There are fewer tournaments for someone whose ranking is where mine is. You have to have a belief in yourself, that you can overcome all the young guys coming through."

The honourable 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 defeat by Becker vesterday confirmed that the differences in class are minute, and certainly unrecognisable to the type of audience for whom Wimbledon is merely another stop on the summer social circuit. If Sunday's drug of choice was Ecstasy, Monday's was Mogadon.

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After the terrace chants in Henman's name, it was back to trite entreaties like "Come on Mark". which were answered, in an irritating instant, by stunningly original pleas to "Come on Boris". Petchey, probably surprised that they remembered his Christian name, somehow gave the impression that he was enjoying it hugely. He even applauded Becker when he won a set point against him.

Such enthusiasm was endearing and understandable. It was the first time that Petchey had reached the third round in a grand-slam event. Becker, winner of six grand-slam titles, is an ideal role model for a

journeyman.
As Petchey said: "You don't win this tournament three times without being a bit special, and Boris is special. I think there's a positive feeling about British tennis. With Greg and Tim, and the rest of British sport, doing so well, you can see everyone is enjoying life. Every-one is upbeat and we've got to keep that going. Sport is a key part of the

nation's spirit. "The thing about tennis is that it is a great learning curve for your life. I started off going to places like North Africa, worked my way up and got into main tour events. You get a great high from being there. You're pampered silly. But I've dropped away. I'm back to almost where I

"It makes you realise that, on the way up, you'd better be nice to everyone because, on the way down, it's just as bad. You're back playing the same places, and there are people there who, if you weren't too nice to them before, are not going to

help you out."

Becker would have approved. The lines of his life are not restricted to the lines drawn on a tennis court. In the coming weeks, Petchey will continue to try to salvage his career at Challenger tournaments in Bris-tol and Manchester. You do not have to be a one-eyed patriot to wish

# Sampras revels in secret of his supremacy

England cricketers in which she described Paul Allott as "a Botham clone, but slimmer and brighter. Who isn't?", summed up another player as "rather good at cricket". I can't remember which player she meant, which rather proves

Now comes the moment to sum up Pete Sampras. The phrase "rather good at tennis" comes to mind, but it is inaccurate. Seriously superb at tennis is much better. But what of the inner Samoras, the Pete within? All is mystery.

He was seriously superbyesterday when he took on Byron Black, Byron found a Hellespont-wide gap in class and he never looked like swimming across. Sampras won 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in 11 minutes

I was somewhat incongruously quoted in another newspaper this week as a respec-ted tennis commentator; and as such, I feel it incumbent on me to reveal the secret of Sampras's skills. Here we go: Sampras has a very good fore-hand; he also has a very good backhand. Add this to a very good service and you have something really rather good.

Tennis is one of the world's most theatrical games and many of its great players have used their sense of theatre as a potent weapon. Compies and McEnroe are but the most obvious examples. Both were capable of using their reputations, their ability to communicate with crowds, almost as .





At Wimbledon.

Tim Hemman is not an certainly no audience milker. clenching, the mirthless shark grin he makes by biting on his back teeth as an opportunity opens up. The epic of Middle Sunday turned on the two-way communication between Henman and the crowd.

Tennis is a drama and an important part of its means of communication is body language. But Sampras does not have body language like everybody else. He is that rare thing: a top-level athlete whose body is almost mute.

There is just one iristance in which he gives himself away. and he did it on match point yesterday. That is in his trademark slam-dunk shot, an overhead played with a slightly unnecessary leap and with about ten times more power than is actually required. It is his one self-indulgence, his



Sampras, poised for victory over Black yesterday, continues to make remorseless progress towards another title

It is the one clue to the fact that he is secretly enjoying himself out there; that he loves his power, his physical wellbeing, his ability to hit tennis balls so hard that they never come back. It also tells us that he really likes beating the hell out of an opponent, that he loves combat and, above all, victory. Then it is back behind the mask, back to that curious, miserable-looking head carriage, the hang of the head that looks as if he is in danger of wearing holes in his shirt with his chin.

He will never be the hottest item in tennis, not in the first week of Wimbledon, when leading players usually win.

Those players whose stock-intrade is their theatricality steal the scenes and the headlines; those who trade only in ability must bide their time until the competition gets hotter. Only then can they show us what they are made of.

Sampras has said before that he really likes it when Andre Agassi is playing. Agas-si can draw the media's fire. Sampras can sneak in behind him. "I prefer being not really looked at," he said yesterday, a strange remark for a man whose trade is public performance. "I just like to play my tennis. I don't ever want to be the centre of attention. I hope

now, Henman and Rusedski are playing really well and taking up a lot of attention -

and that's perfect." He is as diffident a man as ever flayed the hide off anyone on a tennis court. After win-ning his first grand-slam title at 19, he went into a decline. hated the attention and the expectations, spoke about the I, unerring judge that I am,

"burden" of being a champion. couldn't see him ever pulling himself together again. He has, gathering another eight grand-slam titles, three of them here.

There is much, much more to Sampras than meets the eye. He is a man of secress. As

others have used their theatricality as weapons, so Sampras exploits his anonymity. He shows no weakness, no triumph. He is the tennis equivalent of the Man With No Name. You cannot read him, you cannot reach him. In his brooding mystery, he is dis-quieting: even slightly sinister.

He can impose an icy mental grip on his opponent, and certainly he did so to poor old Black. When it came to the tennis yesterday, Sampras was not magnificent. He was better than that - he was immaculate. Anyone who bet the mortgage on him winning

the championship will be

sleeping soundly tonight.

Philippoussis, during yesterday's doubles victory

### RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

Men's singles Winner, £415,000 Runner-up. £207,500 Holder: R Krajicek (Holl) First round

P SAMPRAS (US) bt B Black (Zim) 6-1

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T Woodbridge (Aus.) bt A Radulescu (Ger) 6-4, 6-4

Winners: £170,030 Runners-up. 985,010 Holders: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) Second round

Men's doubles

N BROAD (GB) and P NORVAL (SA) bt C Brand: and F Messon (It) 7-6, 6-1 W Black (Zim) and J Grabb (US) bt E Senchez (Sp) and F Samoro (Fr) 7-

5, 6-4 B Behrens (US) and C Haggard (SA) bi P Albano (Arg) and S Dosedel (Cz) 7-6, 6-7, 6-4 S Groen (Holi) and S Hirszon (Croj bi D Randali and J Warle (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-

J Knoposchild (Ger) and J Tarango (US) by G CONNELL (Can) and S Davis (US) 6-4, 6-7, 8-3 R LEACH and J STARK (US) by K Kinnear (US) and A Kitinov (Bela) 6-3, 7-6 M OAMM and P VIZNER (Cz) by E Couto and B Mota (Por) 6-4, 7-6 J BJORKMAN and N Kulti, (Swe) by B Black (Zim) and J Girnelstob (US) 6-2, 6-1

J Novek and D Rid (Cz) bt M Kell and J

Dilucia (US) and R Smith (Bah) 6-0,

3-6, 6-4 D JOHNSON and F MONTANA (US) bi P Cash (Aus) and R Renaberg (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 J ELTİNGH and P HAARHUIS (Holi) bt P Kildeny and M Tabbuti (Aus) 7-5. 7-

A Cihovsky (Russ) and B Steven (NZ) bt J Deigado and A Foster (GB) 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 T WOODSRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bi N Pereira (Ven) and C van Rensburg (SA) 6-1, 6-4 M PHILIPPOUSSIS and P RAFTER (Aus) bi L Jensan and M Jensen (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 B MacPhie (US) and G Muller (SA) bi M Petchey and A L Richardson (GB) 7-6, 6-8

Sunday's late results

Sundary's late results

S Noteboom and F Wibler (Holf) bi S
LAREAU (Can) and A O'BRIEN (US)
7-6, 3-6, 6-4
Black and Gimelstob bi k. Jones and S
Melville (US) 6-4, 5-7, 6-2
Couto and Mote bi B Cowan and N Weal
(GB) 6-4, 7-6
Kinnear and Kitenov bi P Beur and M
Göffner (Ger) 7-6, 6-7, 14-12

Women's singles Winner, £373,500 **Римпенир** £186,750 Holder: S Graf (Ger)

M Vento (Van) of M Malecva (Bul) 6-2, 7-

5 Chisokova (Cz) bi R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-7, 6-3, 8-6 P Hy-Boulas (Car) bi M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-4, 6-1. Y Bazaki findo) bi N Kıymuta (Japan) 6-

Y Bezuk (Indo) bi N Kıymuta (Japan) 6-3, 6-2 M. J FERNANDEZ (US) bi T Tanasugam (Thal) 6-2 6-4 J NOVOTNA (CZ) bi G Leon-Garcia (Sp) 6-4, 6-2 A SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bi F Laber (Arg) 6-1, 6-2 M PIERICE (Fr) bi M Sema (Sp) 6-4, 6-3 N Tauciai (Fr) bi J Wiesner (Austria) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 S Testud (Fr) bt M SELES (US) 0-6, 6-4. 8-6

A Kournkova (Russ) bi A HUBER (Ger) 3-6, 5-4, 6-4

Women's doubles Winners £147,010 Runners-up £73,270 Holders: M Hingis (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz)

Second round

A FRAZIER and K. PO (US) bx T Jones
(US) and M Munc (Cro) 6-2, 6-3
L I IELLAND (Lat) and H SUKOVA (Cz) bx
O Lugina (Ukr) and E Wagner (Ger)
6-3, 6-2
N ARENDT (US) and M BOLLEGRAF
(Holl) bi S H Park (S Kar) and S
V:ang (Tawan) 6-2, 6-0
K ADAWS and L McNEIL (US) bi B
Rigner (Ger) and D van Roost (Bel)
6-3, 1-6, 6-4
C Bardsy (Aus) and C Wood (GB) bt K
BOOGERT (Holl) and I SPIRLEA
(Rom) 4-5, 7-6, 6-4
C RUBIN (US) and B SCHULTZMcCARTHY (Holl) bt M Saelu and Y
Yoshda (Japan) 7-6, 6-2
Y BAZUKI (Irxio) and C VIS (Holl) bt L
Garrone and G Retection (It) 5-7, 6-4
4, 6-2

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b) C Crisles (Rom) and M
Grzybowska (Pol) 6-3, 6-0

L DAVENPORT (US) and J NOVOTNA
(Cz) b) D Graham (US) and K Kunce
[Aus) 6-1, 6-2

M HINGIS (Swiz) and A SÁNCHEZ
VICARIO (Sp) b) K-A Guse (Aus)
and C Morianu (US) 6-3, 6-3

G FERNANDEZ (US) and N Zwareva
(Bela) b) K Freye (Gèr) and S
Noorlander (Holl) 6-0 6-2

A FUSAI (Fr) and R GRANDE (II) bit IA
P3Z (Arg) and A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-3, 6-0
Saeki and Yoshida bit E de Lone (US)
and N Print (Aus) 6-7, 7-6, 6-4
A Kournikova and E Likhoviseva (Russ)
bit P Shriver (US) and P Stryles (Aus)
3-6, 7-5, 9-7
K LIIMUTA and N MIYAGI (Japan) bit V
Csurgo (Flun) and C Schneider
(Ger) 6-4, 6-3
Hebre (Ger) and M Sales (IJS) bit 6

S-A Siddali and A Warnwright (GB) bt P Langrova (Cz) and R Zrubakova (Siovakia) 6-3, 6-2 Sunday's late results

E Callens (Bet) and G Heigeson Nielsen (US) bit C MARTINEZ (Sp) and P TARABINI (Arg) 6-4, 7-5
Part and Wang bit V Lakes (GB) and L Plenning (Aus) 6-4, 6-4
NEILAND and SUKOVA bit L Montalvo (Arg) and H Nagyova (Sloveke) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
N TALIZIAT (Fr) and L M WILD (US) bit A J Costzer (SA) and M Pierce (Fr) 6-1, 1-5, 10-8

Mixed doubles Winners, £72,200 Runners-up; £36,100 Holders: C Suk and H Sukova (Cze)

L Pass (India) and R Dragomir (Rom) bt C Willerson and S Smith (GB) 4-6. 6-3, 6-1 N Broad (GB) and M de Swardt (SA) bt D Randall (LS) and D J Jones (Aus) 7-5, 6-4
T Middleton and L McNeil (US) bt S Noteboom (Holl) and S Jeyasseelan (Carr) 7-6, 7-5
M KNOWLES (Bah) and A LOURNIKOVA (Russ) bt S Metville (US) and N Parti (Aus) 6-4, 7-5
D Orsansc and F Labat (Arg) bt J Warle (US) and M Parti (Aus) 6-4, 7-5
M Banard (SA) and K Booger (Holl) bt

(US) and M Munic (Cot) 6-4, 7-5
M Barnard (SA) and K Booger (Hohl) bt
G van Emburgh (US) and E
Melicharova (Cze) 6-2, 7-6
A DUHOVSKOY (Russ) and L NELLAND
(Left) bt D E-error (Swe) and L
Pleming (Aus) 7-6, 6-1
R LEACH (US) and M BOLLEGRAF
(Hohl) bt R Smith (Bah) and A Franer
(US) 6-1, 2-6, 6-2
K Kinnear (US) and N Myagi (Japen) bt
P Norval and L Horn (SA) 7-6, 6-3
D ADAMS (SA) and A FUSAI (Fr) bt K
Ullyert (SA) and R Nidotter (SA) 6-7,
6-4, 6-2
P Nyborg and A Cartsson (Swe) bt R
Bergin (Swe) and P Hy-Boulais
(Can) 7-5, 5-7, 6-4
C SUK and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt T
Kronemann and K Rinaldi-Stunkel
(US) 6-1, 7-5

# Jensens offer colourful interlude sens are a colourful partner-ship and more than just the

By NICK SECREPANTA

A WEEK after starting his first match at Wimbledon, Mark Philippoussis finally played his second here yesterday and enjoyed better luck. reaching the second round of the men's doubles with his countryman, Pat Rafter. However, while his many supporters will be glad of the opportunity to see more of him, the competition will be the poorer for the exit of the Australians' opponents, the Jensen brothers.

The Michigan-born Jen-

entertaining sideshow they sometimes appear: their career earnings top the \$1 million mark and there is a French Open championship to their name, won in 1993. Yesterday, with Luke favouring a star-spangled bandana as headgear, while brother Murphy sported a white, back-to-front baseball cap. they were never still, jogging on to court, off court and out

of their two-man, between-points huddles. They are all heart - Luke

presented a towel to a specia-tor hit by a wild deflection polite — always thanking the ball-boys and girls — and can

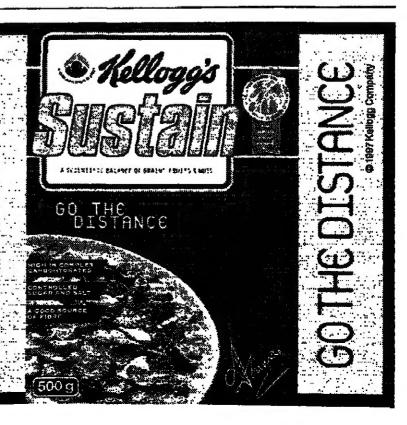
Murphy produced one delicate cross-court, drop-voiley that wrong-footed both opponents, while Luke stood up to a fierce Philippoussis volley at the net to win a point when others might have dived for cover. Yet, after taking the first set with a break at Philippoussis's expense, the Jensens found the Australians too hard to handle, losing 6-4, 3-6,

Henman for Great Britain at the Olympic Games in Atlan-ta, reached the third round of the doubles with Piet Norval, of South Africa, Shirli-Ann Siddall and Amanda Wainwright reached the second round of the women's dou-bles, while Clare Wood and her partner, Catherine Barclay, of Australia, must play Gigi Fernandez and Natasha Zvereva, the No I seeds, after a 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 victory over the No 16 seeds, Kristie Boogert and Irina Spirlea.

Neil Broad, who won a silver medal with Tim

Rafter, left, discusses tactics with his compatriot,

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# Love game loses its attraction without vital Agassi-factor

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Kicking and Screaming

a decent Wimbledon for the lay observer. course, is a bit of love interest. Hence the crushing disappointment in the Truss home vhen heart-throb Goran Ivanisevic stalked out defeated on Saturday. Goran (whose real personality may be pure pussycat, for all I know) projects the sort of intense churlish male character that an inadequate woman has masochistic fantasies about. "Hurt me. Goran! Go on! Forget my birthday, you in-sensitive but thrilling, churi-

But now Big Goran has gone. Apparently his continued presence here depended on his ability to win matches. What a curious way to run an entertainment industry.

Yesterday, we had various would-be heart-throbs competing for catcall attention on the outside courts, but it's no good, they are mere shadows of the greats. I never thought I'd say it, but by comparison with the rest of the anodyne male grand slam giants on the tennis circuit, Pete (no charisma') Sampras is beginning to look like Clark Gable.

Imagine getting worked up about Kafelnikov — you can't can you? Philippoussis and Rafter looked damned handsome by contrast with their doubles opponents, the Jensen brothers, but since the Jensens work hard to resemble refugees from a Beavis and Butthead cartoon, it wasn't

Admittedly, I fell under the spell of Andre Agassi in his exquisite blond period, a thing from which I will possibly never recover. I bought an Andre Agassi calendar, and everything. I've gone off him a bit in his peculiar Marat-in-

Answers from page 46

**FASCHING** 

(c) A musical direction indicating that a composition is to be executed merrily. From the Italian for "merry". "The giocoso element jin Don

(a) In Mexico, land farmed communally: a co-operative farm. Land in which communal title is held. From the Mexican Spanish for "common land"; from the Latin exire to go out. "Zapata stressed the return of the lost

communal holdings to the rural Indian villages. Thus he proposed the ejido system in which title to lands was to be vested in the landholding

(c) The South German winter carnival, in Munich and elsewhere. "Fasching starts soon after New Year's Day and holds Munich in durall until Ash Wednesday."

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Giovanni] was quite excessively overshadowed.

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Head start: Rios, main picture, and Pierce show off their pony-tails during their matches yesterday

the-bath period. But I will never forget how much I once really, really cared.

For men, of course, Wimbledon is a different event. It's a chance for them to see girls fiddling with their knickers. which makes them go all peculiar and lower their aesthetic standards. The strange popularity of Mary Pierce is a ase in point

Yesterday, in impractical and ill-fitting crop-top, Miss Pierce received her usual share of "Go on Mary's" - but her famed magnetism is an utter mystery to me. I mean, if it was just a matter of showing your midriff occasionally. we'd all do it.

Mary tweaks at her clothes a tug here, a hoick there, a pat in another place, then another hoick and tug. All of which shows her to be bodyconscious, of course, but it also gets on one's nerves. Buy some clothes that fit you, Mary. I'm sure you can afford it.

But the real trouble with WORD-WATCHING (a) A plant of a genus from tropical Asia cultivated for its foliage, closely allied to colocasia. Said to be an alteration of colocasia. "Ape, or Large-

> attraction, in the long run. been wearing a dress specially designed to accentuate the

No, what we want is big. inspiring personalities out there — big inspiring person-alities with decent legs (the legs are not negotiable). Per-

elders whispered to her in the "You're never fully dressed without a smile," she pulled a face and stopped her ears. A little madam is what my Mum would call her. This is a woman for whom the expression "Is it something at home?" was invented. And yet that sharp, minxy face evidently holds the keys to

the 16th century - "Girl with gerbil", that sort of thing. Four hundred and fifty years ago, she'd have been the very dab. So, the sex quotient was pretty low yesterday. All week, I had been dug deep in the ribs with the sotto voce tip "You ought to go and see Rios!", but I've seen this supposed crowd-

pleaser three times now and I

certain potent dreams. Hans

Holbein used to paint por-

traits of those pale features in

Mary Pierce is that when her

still don't get it at all. Marcelo Rios is the Chilean star who declared "Grass is for cows" when he first played in Britain, and whose resemblance to Naomi Campbell's gypsy boyfriend is often noted. He has a black pony-tail combined imaginatively with a crew cut, and his eyes are too close together. All of which might be exciting in a red-hotlatin kind of way if his tennis had notable grandeur or sur-

prise, which it hasn't. The point is, I suppose, that glamour isn't everything. A diamond navel-stud in a blonde tennis-babe has limited More people turned up for Sales than Pierce, and she's spare tyre that she's been

sonally I went right off men's

tennis in the 1980s not only because Lendi was stultifying to watch, but because couldn't stand the way his socks stayed up. Compare, however, my excitement when that true star Andre Agassi shaved off his body hair. As I have often said, I wouldn't

mind having the three-piece suite he stuffed with that little Actually, of all the bids for physical appeal at this Wimbledon, the one that will stick longest in the mind is Chris Evert at the opening ceremony for No I Court. She wore a short skirt, and the sight of her long brown siender legs was breathtaking - inducing in me the reaction Piglet has in Winnie the Pooh when he sees

the blue braces and has to go home and lie down. Martina looked good too (though Billie Jean had let herself go), but Chris Evert was quite fabulous. Here is a woman who never needed a diamond navel stud to get herself noticed. The sight of those legs did

make me wonder, however. How long does it take a termis player to get their feet the same colour as their legs? Ten weeks? Two years? Five? We all know how hard it is to get rid of strap marks. Or to get the rest of the grass to tone in with a bit of replacement turf. Well, imagine those palid, enormous feet on the ends of those long brown legs. Not very sexy, really. In fact, it's

# Hy-Boulais finds fault in Grzybowska's game-plan

ounce of her experience count.

serving great; my serve was

COVERAGE: Television: BBC1: Live 1 40-4 10pm. BBC2: Live noon-8 30pm. highlights 9 30-10 30pm. Radio: BBC Radio 5 Live: 1.30-8pm.

WEATHER: Cool and unsettled day, with a stiff wind blowing from the month or northwest, but gradually becoming their during the afternoon and

effective," Hy-Boulais said.

"My intention was to keep the

points short. Against Venus

Williams, the longer the ral-

lies went on, the better for her:

you hit hard, she hits harder. I

come into the net once in a

while as a surprise. She has a

"She was tall, but she wasn't

WHEN Magdalena Grzybowska dropped her service to

concede the first set of her third-round match against Patti Hy-Boulais, the Cambodian-born Canadian, everything seemed to be going according to plan. After all, she had lost the

first set 6-4 in each of her previous two games, against Venus Williams and Barbara Schett, and had come back to win. The service had sharpened up, the big two-handed backhand had come into its own, and runs of winning games had seen off her opponents.

Yesterday, however, the plan never came into effect. The double faults just kept on coming in the second set, and so did Hy-Boulais, returning strongly, and appearing at the net just when Grzybowska least expected it.

Grzybowska, from Poland, lost her service to love to go 5-l down, ending with - what else - a double fault. Leaving the comeback a little late this time, one felt; but in fact there was to be no escape. Hy-Boulais finishing the game with the last of a number of drop shots and a delighted but

discreet "Yesss!" It had been a match of

FAIL DEMICKETS 1-14 2-21, 3-43, 4-49. U Azzai b Sakstury 12 | Torrows our microscomm and a communication of page our 7 Summer of page 
By NICK SZCZEPANIK contrasts: Grzybowska, 18, the lot to learn and she has to get tall, hard-hitting baseliner, against the smaller, darkstronger, but she has the material It's up to her." haired Hy-Boulais, 13 years My serve didn't work at all her senior, who made every

today." Grzybowska admitted.
"When she saw that, she felt better and took advantage. She's a good player on grass and didn't give me a chance. I have to be more aggressive, go to the net more and play my game, even if the other player doesn't let me."

The draw looks promising for Hy-Boulais, who eliminated Amanda Coetzer, the No 6 seed, in the second round and now plays Yayuk Basuki. "I played remarkably well against Coetzer: everything worked. It's even nicer to know I kept it going." Hy-Boulais said. "The next round is very tough. Her [Basuki's] game is very suitable for grass. And after that? I don't want to be overconfident -- 111

see who i play."

After her first-round win, premature predictions were made about Grzybowska's likely progress at Wimbledon: now she will return to Poland to play in exotic locations such as Sopor. "I hoped to go further, but getting to the third round was my biggest success so far," she said. "I will be

TELEVISION CHOICE

# A couple for all seasons

Here is an affectionate but unsentimental portrait of two people in their 80s who have been married only six years and know that time is not in their favour. Charles Hammond and his wife Dorothy were both widowed after long first marriages. Neither have children, so they depend very largely on each other. He is 89 and has heart trouble. She walks with a frame. They are considering whether to leave their flat in Southend for sheltered housing. The film follows them through the seasons. Each summer they take a week's holiday. seasons. Each summer they take a week's hollody, in a hotel only ten minutes from their home. Winter comes and they are both ill. He is a romanuc by nature, indeed by reputation something of a womaniser. She, basically, wants company. Perceptively but unobtrusively the camera picks up the mances of a relationship that is sometimes difficult but always strong.

#### **Murder Squad** TTV. 9.00pm -

A new series of real-life murder investigations begins with one from 1994 which outdoes any Crucker script in the gruesomeness of its material. An elderly Asian couple are found brutally stabled to death in their flat in west London. Bizarrely, the same flat is also the some of the rape of two teerage girls. As the murder squad tries to make sense of two apparently unconnected crimes, the media circus moves in and posts its furid headlines. A suspect is soon found, at least for the assaults on the treatment of the treatment of the treatment of the postning to the young women, but there seems to be nothing to link him with the murders. The cameras follow the detectives almost bour by hour as they wait for the breakthrough. Det Supt Roland Herning, who is leading the inquiry, says it never ceases to amaze him what one human being can do to another.

# Channel 4. 9.00pm

Belinda Giles's documentary gives a measured but uncompromising account of an atrocity dreadful even by the standards of the war in the former Yugosiavia. In 1991 the town of Vukóvar in Croatia was "liberated" by the Yugoslav army. The army commander took control of the hospital and



Whately plays happy families (BBCI, 9.30pm)

ordered the evacuation of patients (many of them victims of the war) and staff. The men were separated from the women and children, taken of and never seen again. The scene switches to a United Nations learn excavating a mass grave. Wives and mothers of the missing ding to the hope that their men may still be alive but as the forensie. evidence accumulates they are forced to accept the worst. To her credit Giles never sensationalises, but in truth the material is so shocking that it needs

#### The Broker's Man BBC1, 9.30pm

The new Kevin Whately series seems unsure whether to concentrate on the public or the private-life of its insurance investigator hero and plays safe by offering plenty on both. In the professional sphere, no fewer than three cases are being spread over this latest two-parter, though one (concerning an old woman who had a fall in a shopping central is hardly the stuff of high drama, and another (about a contaminated water supply) is a shade too complicated for this time of night. This leaves the much more involving search for a motor cyclist responsible for a lethal hit and run. It also brings yet another attractive woman into our man's life.

As he is already trying to accommodate an estranged wife and a former mistress this is a complication he could do without. But his

You'll Want for Nowt in Pattley Bridge

Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

#### RADIO CHOICE

Pucker Up: The 60-Minute Kiss

Radio 2, 9.30pm

Apparently this is National Kissing Day, though who designated it as such is a mystery. But every dast idea has its reedeming leature and apairt from the obvious, the redeeming seature of this programme is that it manages to be entertaining and informative, thus adding to our stock of useless but amusing information. Did you know, for example, that the longest recorded kiss lasted 17 days and 10½ hours? You will realise from that example that this is one of those programmes which is full of statistics that are beyond belief, such as the "fact" that kissing your spouse goodbye every morning that kissing your spouse goodbye every morning will help you live longer (longer than if you kiss someone else's spouse every morning, I assum Still, with a Budget looming, any relief will do.

Hobbs 200pm Michy Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greenig Newsbeet 6.30 Evening Session with Stove Lumas Digital Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Stuert Maconie

6.00mm Charles Nove 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Alex Leate 11.30. Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stauert 5.95 John Dunn 7.00 Alari Freemen 8.00 Ngel Ogden 9.00 Nanci Gritish presents Woody Guithile 9.30 Pucker Up The 60 Minute Kiss. See Choice 10.30 Flichard Alinson 12.05een Stove Madden 9.00 Adrien Finighan

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## TALK RADIO

5.00mm Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Desley 7.00 Anna Raebum 10.00 James Whale 1.00mm Mile Dickin

4.90em Mark Griffiths 6.98 Alen Menn 9.00 Henry Kelly 1,00pe Concerto, Vaugher Willerne (Oboe Concerto); Wolf-Ferrari (Cello Concerto in C major, Op 31 3,00 Jamie Crick 7,00 Newsnight 7,30 Sonata. Janececk (Violin Sonata) 8,00 izunov (Summer from The Sessons); Poulenc sampitins); Respigiti (Suite: The Birds); Johann

Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r)

## VIRGIN RADIO

6.30mm Ruse 'n' Jono: Sen Francisco 19.00 Grahem Derei 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nick Abbot 8.00 Paul Coyle (FMF, / Robin Benics (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em Richard Porteg.

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Sviridov (Incidental music: Tear Fedor Idennovich); Wagner (Slegfried Idyli); Bach (Tho Sonata in Effat, BWV525); Verdi (Te Deum, Four Sacred Piscas); Johann and Josef Strauss (Pizzicato Polla); Nielson (Symphorry No 5)

9.00 Moraing Colfection, with Pater Hobdey, Includes Schubert (Rondo in A. D438); Vaughan Williams (Te Deum); Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat)

10.00 Musicat Encounters, with Susan Sharps. Includes Part (O Adona), Magnifict Antiphona); Platti (Fusa Sonata in G); Chabrier (Chanson de l'Alouetle); Bernd Alois Zimmermann (Musique pour les Soupers du Roi Ubu); Offenbach (Couplets du Souper)

pour les Soupers du Roi Ubul; Offenbach (Couplets du Souper)

12.00 Composers of the Week: Schola Camtorum. Introduced by Roger Nichols, Includes d'Indy, Roussel, Satie and Guitmant

1.00pm News; City of London Stardonka. Perry Gose introduces the fourth of six concerts featuring French music, Debussy (orch Ravel, Sarabande, pour le piano); Ravel (Pavane pour une Infante Defunte); Françaix (Pavane pour un Genie Vivand); Jolivet (La Reche du Temps); Ravel (Le Tomboeu de Couperin)

2.00 Volces, Felicity Lott, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo, Stuart Kale, tenor, Neel Davies, bass, Steuert Bedford, piano, Lehmern (In a Persian Garden) (r)

bass, Statert Bedford, piano, Lehmenn (in a Pensian Garden) (r)

2.45 The BBC Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Walas, under Mark Wigglesworth. Britten (Sinforia da Fequiem): Shostalvokri (Synghory No 5)

4.00 Spirit of the Age. George Pratt and his queste, Tess Knighton and Alvaro Torrente, rediscover Spanish Baroque. Includes music by Cristobal Galan and Literes (r)

5.00 Music Machine. The planist Andrew Youdell septains how a musical accompaniment to a film was performed in the days of silent movies 5.15 in Tune, with Sean Rafferty, Includes Wasserner (Concerto Armonico No 1 in G); Haydn (Plano Soneta in D); Sibelius (The Swan of Tuonela); Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale); Schumann (Smaller); Peter Donohoe performs Dabussy (Estamoes); Ravet (Misoria); 8.20 Lancastrier Sol-Fa. Philip Brady explores the world of collier-bassoonists and weaver-irombonists in 19th-century: Larcashire (r); 8.40 Concert, part two, Schumann (Kreisteriaria); Liszt (Venezia e Napoli, Armees de Pelerinage; 9.40 Sounding the Cantury: The Blumhard. After fleeting inter Seemanny in the 1930s, Mandst philosophers Theodore Adomo and Max. Horthamar seek refuge in Hollywood (2/5); 10.05 BRC Seotifish Symphomy Orchestra, under Martyn Brabbins. Andrew Toorey (Red Icon); 10.45 Nilghit Warves, The director and novelet Nali Barriet talks to Richard Coles about his new one-man show. The Seven Secraments, based on Nicoles Poussin's suite of religious paintings; 11.30 Composers of the Weeks Paris 1750 (r); 12.30 km Jazz Notes. Digity Fairwesther introduces more highlights from the 1997 Chetenham International Jazz Festival.

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1,300 Delmé Ouartet in C, Op 76 No 3, Emparon; 2,800 Jon Vickers, tenor, Peter Schaff, piano. Schubart (Winterneise)

5.55cm Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Edward Stourton. Telephone 0171-580 4444 with your questions for the guest of the day 10.08 News; You'll Want For Newt in Pataley Bridge (FM). See Choice 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Muney 11.30 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current efficies with Lesloy Riddock. 12.25pm Quote. . . Unquote. Nigel Rees is in the chair and on the panel are Palnck Barlow, Barry Cryer, fluth Dudley Edwards and George Melly 12.55 Weather

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1.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Raising Petrick
Doberty, by Jessica Townsend An irreverent
comedy shout a Landon-Irish family who spend
the run-up to their petriarch's funeral destroying
his reputation, only to be faced with his
resurrection

ris reputation, only to the latest larger has resulted in 2.30 At The Foot of the Mountain, Robert Dewson Scott talks to Maria Friedman about the pressures of taking the stage alone with her one-woman West End show, By Special Anangement (3/4) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brichan, Louise Charles and the Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brichan, Louise Charles and the Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brichan, Louise Charles and the Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brichans. Henrison retraces the oldest pilgrimage in the world, from Puenta del Reina to Santiago de

word, from Puertis dar Hichael to Sentengo de Copostela in Spain 1 Nerma 4.05 Kaleddotscopei, Paul Vaughan reads the new Bernard MacLaverty novel, Grace Notes, and celebrates 100 years of the Tate Gallery

4.45 Short Story Chinese Season: Marvets of a Floating City. Written by Xi Xi, translated by Eva Hung and read by Su-Lin Loo!

5.80 PM, with Kevin Booquet 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

8.00 Stc O'Clock News 8.30 People Like Usi. The haplese broadcaster Roy Mallard gets to grips with what it is really like to be an estate egent (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4. Reports on the important issues of the day with Mark Writteler

8.00 Science Now. The weekly look at the latest scientific discoveries with Peter Evans (r)

8.30 Life of Crime. In the last of the series about crime writing, Kirky Friedman, the author of novels teaturing a station-wearing, cigar-chomping detective, meets the creators of four other notocious private eyes: Sara Paretsky. Sue Gratton, Jerres Crumley and Lawrence Block

9.00 in Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hitton

10.45 Book at Bedfürse: The Monkey King, by Timothy Mo. Read by David Yip (8/10)

11.00 Mediumarave. A review of the week's media events with Vincant Harms (r)

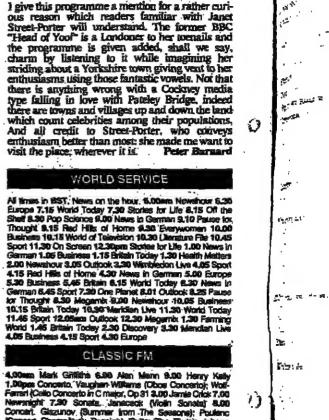
11.30 A View from Abroad (FM). The American writing Rosaly Roffman casts a poet's eye on west Comwall in the writer (5/6) (r)

11.30 Today in Partiement (LW). A roundup of the day's news from Westminster

12.00 News incl 12.27am seprox Westher

12.30am The Late Book: The Glasti's House, by Eizabeth Bradbury. Read by Lorelei King (2/10).

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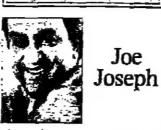
lustrous Elvis quiff. All this explains why BBCI's Omnibus portrait of Green was entiled Fifty-Seven Up. The title had nothing to do with cricket scores, or some improbable feat being performed for the Guinness Book Of Records. It was a reference to those Granada documentaries which traced the lives of a group of children, beginning with Seven Up. You see, last night's Omnibus was the third Green film directed by Nigel Williams. His previous stabs were in 1979 and young, bowler-hatted Slade graduate who looked like a rabbinical student on his way to a Toulouse-Lautrec lookalike competition.

But the entertaining concert was that by filming Green again and again over the years, Williams is echoing what Green does in his much for the power of television, art. Green doesn't go on safari in

though, to be fair, this was long search of subject maner. He could put in a full day's work without ever changing out of his pyjamas. Green loves his wife, the artist Mary Cozens-Walker: "Without her I doubt whether I would ever paint another picture." He loves his family. He loves the texture and cadences of home life, and the childhood memories that have seeped like ink stains into the ornaments on his mantlepiece.

reen doesn't go out look-ing for hamburgers, be-cause he can eat steak at home. He returns, in intimate de-1971 - when Green was still a tail, to similar themes again and again - "I try hard to hang my washing up in public -- but each time bringing something new to entice us with. His submission to the RA's Summer Exhibition this year is Eden CB3 7HE: the domes-tic postcode as nirvana. Green calls it: "A love story. It takes you through the Garden of Eden and,

# REVIEW



ultimately, the spectator joins the uniting couple in paradise."

Williams, by returning again and again with his camera crew, has achieved something similar: each time we are faced with a familiar subject - Anthony Green - but with a novel twist. Even more spookily, Williams's technique of punctuating this latest documentary with long clips of his previous 1979 Arena film (which,

darkened room reviewing footage of Williams's original 1971 documentary) created an effect like looking down the wrong end of a telescope: this tale-within-a-tale is

an Anthony Green trademark. For example, leading us through one of his paintings in which an artist is painting a portrait of his wife, Green explains: You get a picture within a picture. You see views through doors and the spectator is led right into the painting, so that you move right up close to the canvas surface." What you see there is that within Green's picture is the painting in-progress of the model. She is wearing a locker. This contains another pointing, namely the artist's rendering of the real locket. which is over here. And it's meant to be a sery picture, so at first appearance you think you're looking at a small tree in the spring. and on closer inspection you're

isself, included scenes of Green in a delightfully surprised." Provided, cruiser, HMS Devonshire, and that is, that a locker-sized close-up of a woman's crotch is the sort of thing that delights you.

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T nlike Green, Channel 4's Secret History packs a rucksack and heads into the unknown to find its subjects. until the day arrives when it looks out of the window, feels thwarted by the rain, and decides just to stay home and expose the scandal of who invented doorchimes that play Cliff Richard's Devil Woman. The Tragedy Of HMS Glorious recounted how, in June 1940, the aircraft carrier HMS Glorious and her two escort destroyers were sunk by German battlecruisers off Norway. Some 900 had taken to the boats, but nobody came to their rescue. Only 41 survived. An embarrassed Navy still denies it. but Secret History insists that a last desperate message for help

was picked up by a nearby British

apparently ignored. Trevor Jenkins, the Devonshire's Chief Petty Officer, who took the message, says: "It's been on my conscience

ever since." Because of its timing, the phrase had a poignancy the film-makers could not have intended. Chris Patten, sailing home from Hong Kong, must be hoping he never has to utter the same words about the handover to China.

There was plenty of conscience-wrestling in Brookside (Channel 4), too. Mick and Elaine have been doing their best to ease the pain of Gladys's cancer, but it's clear that Gladys wants to end it all. Mick and Elaine get the hint and realise that over the next few days they must carry the enormous burden of helping Gladys to end her life in a manner so controversial that it will ensure Brookside's reputation as the soap opera that is never knowingly underhyped.

comment on anything from the

state of Anglo-Irish relations to the

state of their underpants, it turns

out that there are artists who are

never-knowingly-underfilmed.

What is so surprising is that the

unflashy, home loving, 57-year-old

Royal Academician Anthony

To his credit, it surprises Green

as much as anyone that requests

from documentary-makers drop

through his letterbox as regularly

as gas bills. He certainly can't be

saying yes to them in search of

fame and fortune, not after his 1987

South Bank Show. "When the

programme went out," he recalls.

blushing at his naivety, "I thought

it would probably change my life radically. Nothing happened. The phone didn't ring, I didn't sell an

extra drawing or watercolour." So

Green should be among them.

6.00em Business Breekfast (47130) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (12307) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1) (3859178) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (1273284) 9.50 Kilroy (f) (5945352) 10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (31438)

11.00 News (1) and weather (7436130) 11.05 Due South (1) (5965371) 11.30 Good Neighbours Fans of the scap reminisce about their favourite characters

12.00 News (T) and weather (8914823) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (6691371) 12.35 Neighbours (T) (8349130) 1.00 News (T) and weather (62884) 1.30 Regional News (T) (42924401) 1.40 Wimbledon 97 Desmond Lynam introduces further coverage (38385875)

4.10 Rugrats (r) (T) (4701081) 4.35 Round the Twist (f) (T) (8496420) 5.00 Newsround (T) (1549888) 5.10 Activ-8 (T) (4120401) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (874642) 6,00 News (T) and weather (23)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (75) 7.00 Summer Holiday Martin Bell, MP returns to Croatia to report on the country's new battle to encourage tourists; Jayne Evans takes a summer break on the Great Barrier Reef; Lata Shamma has a great time on Gran Canarla (1) (7265) 7.30 EastEnders Ted armously awaits the

verdict of his court case; Huw and Lenny investigate their tenancy rights (T) (59) 8.00 The Driving School A women has a nervous about learning to drive at 52, and three trainess start on the Thames Valley Police advanced criving course which trains them to drive at speeds of up to 140mph (T) (8913)

8.30 Only Fools and Horses Del and Rodney's soft-hearts persuade them to take Granded along on their holiday trip abroad (r) (T) (5420)

9.00 News (T); Regional News and weather 9.30 The Broker's Man Drama series about Griffin (Kevin Whately), A fatal motorcycle crash leads Griffin into the world of lilegal motorbike racing, while a computer enor 10.20 The X Flies: Red Muse

Scully travel to Wisconsin to investigate a religious cut (r) (1) (138772) 11.05 Deep Red (1994) with Michael Blahn, Joanna Pacula and Lisa Collins. A private detactive is hired to find a missing scientist working on the secret of immortality, but he is soon out of his depth as the true nature of the investi-

12.25am Another Women (1988) Woody Afen comedy about a middle-aged women who is prompted to reessess her file when she overhears conversations between a psychiatrist and his patient, With Gena Rowlands and Mia Farrow (1)

1.45am-1.50 Weather (2653956)

6.00am Open University: Ottoman Supremacy. The building of the Sulemaniye Istanbul (74/26352) 6,25 Modern Art: Film Montag. Film-makers Elsenstein and Vertov's political ideology (04/27780)

7.15 Sae Hear Breakfast News (1)

7.30 Moomin (r) (7417826) 7.55 Get Your Own Back (T) (6358178) 8.20 The Brollys (r) (6038159) 8.35 The Record (2958888) 9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon Sue Barker introduces highlights of yesterday's play (84159)

10.00 Teletubbies (98555) 10.30 Waley Through the Seasons. A stroll through Wisley's famous garden during the summer months (8004371) 11.20 See Hear! Magazine series for the hard of hearing(r) (1) (5935130) 11.50 Johnson and Friends (2451565)

12.00 Wimbledon 97 Desmand Lynam and Sue Barker present action from the ninth day in SW19, Including News and weather at 3.00pm and 3.55 (5858159) 8.30 The Hong Kong Handover: China Celebrates John Tusa presents high-lights of the former British Colony's first



Dorothy and Charles (9,00pm)

United Kingdom: If One of Us Goes insight into an octogeneriens Cheries and Dorothy, as they make plans for their future together (1) (9804)

9.30 Today at Wimbledon Sue Barker and Pern Shriver review the key moments from this attention's matches (46807) Followed by UK Image (999772)

10.30 Newaright (T) (112994) 11.15 500 Bus Stope The stresses of touring begin to take their toll on John Shutleworth and his entourage as a proceedings on day two of the national tour in Manchester, and the open-air. concert that agent Ken Worthington promised fails to materialise (\$10401)

11.45 United Kingdom: Under Curtew A woman attempts to keep residents calm in her Catholic community in Lower Ormeau, Northern Ireland, as the Orange Order brings chaos to the area (244555) 11,55 Weather (856449). -

12.00 The Midnight Hour Discussion show deeling with the latest developments in Parliament (98260) 12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Going Through a Phase (73821) 1.00 Docklands Light (Railway (76111) 1.30 New Hips for Old (80802) 2.00 Summer Nighte: Discovering Art Collections (56463) 4.00 BBC Focus: Teaching and Leeming with IT (22821) 4.30 Film Education (64376) 5.00 Inside Europe (42666) 5.30 Film Education (63519)

6.00em GMTV (3979064) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1267623) 9.55 Regional News (1762820) 10.06 The Time, the Place (85081) 10.30 This Morning (94457772) 12.20pm Regional News (9910807)

12.30 News (T) and weather (8375555) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (33760438) 12.55 Shortland Street (8350246) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (37055791) 1.50 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (59947994) (T) 2.20 Winnetka Road (T) (5240062)

3.20 News (T) (1483352) 3.25 Regional News (1482623)

3.30 Potamus Park (4799197) 3.40 Wizaciora (1073420) 3.50 Zot the Dog (1079604) 4.00 Scooby Doo (7387062) 4.10 The Twisted Tales of Fefix the Cat (7383246) 4.20 Waynehead (1) (4792333) 4.45 Totally California (1) (8487772)

5.10 Highway to Heaven (2/2) (1193555) 5.40 News (T) and weather (401820) 5.57 Pollen Count (515913) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (868517) 6.25 HTV Weather (777826) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) 7.00 Emmerdale (T) (2333)

7.30 Take 3 Reports on issues affecting the region (5) 8,00 The Billi A disgruntled convict makes complaints that jeopardise his chances of being released (T) (1081)

8.30 The Paranormal World of Paul McKenna Psychic George Anderson claims to help a recently bereaved mother put questions to the spirit of her deceased son (T) (7888)



Miller, Cook and Sankrecha (9.00pm)

Number Squad First in a new series of fly-on-the-wall docu-mentaries tracing police investigations into horitic crimes. The first case covered is that of an Asian couple murdered on the same night two girls were subjected to a nightmarish sexual ordeal. Detec-tives Sam Miller and Dave Cook try to crimes and build up a picture of the offender (T) (3772)

10.00 News (T) and weather (11555) 10.30 Regional News (822062) 10.40 Ferewell to Hong Kong Trevor McDoneld presents a history of the

former colony (T) (687623) 12.40am Dating the Enemy (5556173) 1.40 Late and Loud (9883173) 2.40 The Chart Show (t) (3423901) 3.20 Sound Bites (7335959) 3.40 Pt: French Grand Prix (r) (8609685) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (2231463) 5.00 Helricom (r) (39192) 5.30 News (24043)

## CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice -535024E. 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1199555) 6.25-7.00 Central News (159542)

7-30-8.00 Bienheim Palace (5) 11.40 Highlander (520159) 12.40em Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (8428024)

1.10 Film: Dead Cert (922314) 2.55 in Focus (6673622) 3.35 The Big Match Replayed (9723173) 4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (6413550)

#### 5.20 Asian Eye (9815376) WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except 12.55 Home and Away (6864082) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (66054438) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1193555) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (22159) 7.30-8.00 Waterlines (5)

#### MERIDIAN

11.40 Highlander (520159)

As HTV West except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1193555) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (91) 6.30-7.00 The Antiques Trail (1) 7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (5) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (520159) 5.00am Freescreen (39192)

- ANGLIA

As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (8350245) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1193555) 6,25-7.00 Anglia News (159642) 7.30-8.00 Helricom (5) 11,40 Charlie Grace (520159)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (27555)

9.00 Bewitched (96604) 9.30 Film: Elephant Boy (14623) 11.30 Springhill (5265) 12.00 House to House (18468) 12,30pm Ricki Lake (38710) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (25539791) 1.15 Pingu (25534246

1.30 Comwall (79880642) 1.50 Film: The Desert Fox (49064178) 3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (49) 4.30 Flahers of Galliee (8) 5.00 5 Pump (5801307)

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8.30 Newyddion (8130) 9.00 Rasus (4642) 10.00 Brookside (435197) 10.35 NYPD Blue (565401) 11.30 Northern Exposure (806081) 12.25am My Brother (3233005)

# CHANNEL 4

Realifast (27555) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (T (96604) 9.30 Vets in the Wild (r) (57062) 10.30 Charley's Aunt (1941, b/w) with Jack
FILM Benny Comedy about an Oxford
undergraduate who is persuaded to
impersonate a fellow student's wealthy

aunt. Directed by Archie Mayo (78994) 12.00 House to House (18468) 12.30pm Caroline in the City (r) (7) (38710) 1.00 Springhill (1) (20642) 1.30 Pete Smith

1.45 Springfield Riffe (1952) with Gary Cooper Western drama about a Union officer who goes undercover to break up a gang of Confederate rustlers. Directed by Andra de Toth (93746178)

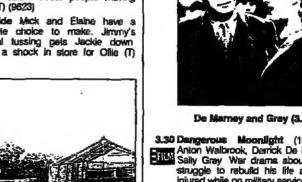
3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Recipe series (T) (49) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (4) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8497159) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (2340642) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (20)

6.00 Friends: The One with the Birth When Carol goes into labour, Ross and Susan rush to be by her side. Joey beinends an unmarried and heavily pregnant woman (r) (T) (866159)

6.25 Fluke Cornedy game show (874178) 6.55 Fresh Pop (720178) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (646913)

7.50 Singles (671623) 8.00 Moving People The start of a repeat of the first series about people moving house (T) (9623)

8.30 Brookside Mick and Elaine have a desperate choice to make. Jimmy's continual tussing gets Jackie down There's a shock in store for Ottle (T)



9.00 True Stories: The Grave The work of forensic archaeologists in Vulkovar, Croatia as they excavate a mass grave. Channel 4's entry to the Prix Italia (1) (27783331

10.25 Trauma Real-file drama from New York's Believus Hospital (957536) 10.55 Gas A showcase for the cornedy stars of

tomorrow (1/8) (T) (641081) 11.30 Paul Weller: Henry Soul A concert from London (89807)

12.00 Film Night Special Looks at the Hong Kong film industry (9013734) 12.40em Look Back in Anger (1959, b/w)
John Osborne's classic drama with
Richard Burton, Mary Ure and Claire

Bloom. Directed by Tony Richardson (T) 2.30 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (7128519) 3.10 Slave Ship (1937, b/w) with Warner Baxer as a slave ship captain whose crew start a mutiny. Directed by Tay Gamett (508753)

4.55 The Talking Show (r) (T) (22311821) 5.25 Backdate (r) (T) (4926260)

# CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6,00am News Early (9821604)

7,30 Havakazoo (7657791) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7554888) 8.30 WideWorld: The Living Earth Magge Philbin presents the first in a ten-part study of the history and development of

the Earth (7553159) 9.00 Espresso (3254449) 10.00 Hospital Live (r) (5233159) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (7566623)

11.00 Leeza (6115739) 11.50 Double Espresso (19966197) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7557975) 12.30pm Family Alfairs (r) (T) (4121333) 1.00 5 News Update (T) (70718389) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8164420) 2.00 5's



De Marney and Gray (3.30pm)

3.30 Dangerous Moonlight (1942) with Anton Walbrook, Derrick De Merney an Sally Gray War drama about a man's struggle to rebuild his life after he is by Brian Desmond Hurst (1663420)

5.20 Hospital Live An update from Guy's Hospital, London (68287333)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7994913) 6.00 Move on Up (T) (7991826)

6.30 Femily Affairs Holly, Duncan and Melanie have a night on the town (T) (7982178) 7.00 Hospital Live Kraty Young meets patients on the children's ward at Guy's. including 12-year-old Shelly Newma

failure (6241517) 7.30 Natural Natives: Small is Beautiful Documentary about the harvest mouse (T) (7971062)

8.00 Fame and Fortune A look into the life of Michael and Shakira Caine (r) (6250265)

9.00 Politergelst: The Legacy Derek is tormented by territying nightmares (T)

9.50 Pottergeist: The Legacy High-camp horror Nick and Philip investigate when an evil spirit intests a high school after an occult experiment (T) (3890710)

10.45 The Jack Docherty Show (1796555) 11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6148791) 12.30em Live and Dangerous Sports mags zine hosted by Jeremy Nicholas and

Helen Chamberlain, Includes at 2,00am motor sport action (6701579) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3235314)

# SATELLITE AND CABLE

# listings of satellite and cable published on Saturday

6.00em Moming Glory [839536] 9.00 Regis-and Keinle: Lee (17401) 10.00 Andiha: World (82642) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (59178) 12.00 Oprah Whitney (79061) 1.00pts Geraldo (55401) 2.00 Selly Jessy, Raphael (17504) 2.00 Jenny Jones (88265) 1.00pts Geraldo (56401) 2.00 Saly Jassy, Raphed (17804) 5.00 Jerny Jones (88285) 4.00 Oprah Wintrey (67772) 5.00 Star Teld: The Next Generation (7420) 6.00 Real TV (8975) 8.30 Married — with Children (3555) 7.00 The Simpsons (5449) 7.30 Marks\*1 (9739) 8.00 Speed (4197) 8.30 Real TVUK (3604) 9.00 Close Cell: Cheating Deeth 1 (1478) 10.00 The Practice (17265) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (53371) 12.00 Late Show with David Letterman (48698) 1.00mm HR Mr. (539874) (84666) 1.00mm Fit Mb: (8396314)

7.00mm Superboy (5555361) 7.30 Super-boy (598088) 8.00 Renegade (2547807) 9.00 Police Rescue (2550371) 10.00 Ner. Untouchables (2520130) 11.00 In the Heal

8.00am All Hands on Deck (1961) (48517) 8.00 Things Chenge (1988) (1988) 10.109 Adolf Hiller: My Part in His Downfull (1972) (61082) 12.00 Abandoned and Decelved (1985) (6593) 1.30pm Strangers: The Story of a Mother and Daughtur (1979) (77856) 3.30 Grizzly Mountain (1983) (36623) 5.00 Things Change (1986) (46265) 7.00 Abandoned and Decelved (1985) (28207889) 10.45 Proteorfer (1986) (28207889) 10.45 Proteorfer (1986) (46716352) 1.00am Six Daiys, Six Nightas (1986) (174840) 2.35 Heat (1987) (19822) 7.00 Strangers: The Story of a Nother and Daughtur (1979) (313208) (1994) (174940) 2.35 Heat (1987) (602217) 4.20 Strangers: The Story of a Softwar and Dangstar (1979) (313208) HE MOVIE CHANNEL

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8.00pm Double Indensity (1944) 227:3889 8.00 Uncle Buck (1990) (2978:383) 10,90 Comen the Barbarian (1962) (738:3449) 12.20cm Bechalar Party (1984) (1319:550) 2.05 No Sex. Piessa, We're British! (1973) (2998:58) 3.40-5.30 The Assessmanton Bursan Places Repairson 9,00pm. Butterfield Eight (1980) 87388178) 11.00 Passage to Marselle (1944) (84719898)-12.50em Dresm Lover (1986) (82771482) 2.45-5.00 Butterfield Eight (1960) (97588647)

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00em Sports Certire (7523).7.30 Wester-sports World (98371) 8.30 Racing News (94978) 9.00 Sports Certire (87401) 9.30 Aerobics (21333) 10.00 Ringeids, Bodrig (41197) 12.00 Aerobics (94915) 12.30pm (95.50et) (90826) 1.30 Futbol Munchel (24420) 2.00 Live Rugby Union (825710) 4.30 Wild Spirts (7791) 5.00 Wiresting (2994) 6.00 Sports Certire (8284) 8.30 Rugby Union (81517) 8.00 Ringeids Bodrig (82382) 10.00 Sports Certire (44474) 10.30 Ringsids (9504) 8.30 Ringsids (95 Big Shots (3448) 11.30 World Measters Pool (35710) 12.30mm Sports Centre (86687) 1.00 Big Shots (58895) 2.00-2.30 Sports Centre (85837)

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Testud puts paid to grand designs as Krajicek prepares case for Wimbledon defence

# Seles lets her ambitions go out to grass

Seles could no longer sustain a Wimbledon challenge which faitered from the moment that she opened her campaign on a damp Tuesday evening last week. An emphatic victory on that occasion could not disguise her frail state, which collapsed yesterday when the No 2 seed lost a contest she once held with a vice-like grip.

How Sandrine Testud must have wished that she was back in Lyons, strolling the streets of that intimate French city. Seles opened the match with the relish of old, reducing Testud to the part of a helpless spectator. Perhaps that proved the undoing of Seles; she no longer craves the taste of a

Seles had induced a raised arm from her first-round opponent, who celebrated winning her first game in the second set. It happened again yesterday, Testud saluting the crowd after holding the opening game in set two. Her relief seemed justified as Seles, 23. bore down on her with all her renowned menace. Yet the match suddenly turned on its head, with Testud gaining in stature and Seles quickly re-duced to a pale imitation. As Testud admitted after her 0-6. b-4. 8-6 victory: "I was just happy to win my first game."

These, to be sure, are hard times for Seles. Her father, Karolj, is back in the United States nursing stomach cancer while she travels around Europe with Ester, her mother. Mention of this last week had all but reduced Seles to tears. Of course, her father's illness compounds Seles's own tribulations over the stabbing that she suffered from a deranged fan in Hamburg four years ago. Only the scars in her back have properly

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sight, both on and off the court. Overweight and trou-bled, her game has disinte-grated so that lowly-ranked opponents are now pleased to see themselves drawn against her. She is an easy target. So difficult is the journey back that she may never again reach the summit.

Where her eyes once burnt with desire, they are dull with sorrow; where they radiated raw aggression on the court, there is now a flicker of fear. If she still looks hostile when addressing a backhand, there



Colourful double

Of equal concern to Seles is her perplexing habit of throwing away a winning position. In each of her last three Paris, Schultz-McCarthy at Eastbourne and now here -Seles held a 5-2 advantage before capsizing like a rup-tured vessel, it is all so alien to the teenager who swept to the too within a steely ring of confidence.

Seles even held a match point at 6-5 in the final set. However, she had been holed below the waterline three games earlier when, at 5-3, she

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allowed an umpire's overrule didn't come at a great time but I shouldn't have let it bother me that much," she said. Here was the ultimate denouement: a leading player unable to do what she knew, from experi-

Perhaps Testud's own recent experience offers the antidote to some of Seles's ills. Testud, 25, is in love. She cited it as a factor in getting control of her weight, for her improved form and, doubtless, for her more positive state of mind. She had never pro-gressed beyond the second round at Wimbledon; now she is world-ranked No 23 and faces her compatriot. Nathalie Tauziat for a quarter-final

After the carnage of Sunwere defeated, Seles was the only such casualty. Jana Novotna, herself afflicted by a lack of belief, advanced pur-posefully to the fourth round with a comprehensive victory. na's section of the draw should give her heart, if not quite the conviction to redeem her de-feat by Steffi Graf in the final

four years ago. Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, another fascile winner yesterday, effectively stands between Novotna and a projected match with Martina Hingis in the final on Saturday. This is more like a dream run for Hingis, whose passage was greatly aided by the weekend defeats of Brenda Schultz-McCarthy and Lindsay Dav-

Unlike Hingis, Pete Sampras will almost certainly have to beat fellow seeds in his add to the three titles that he already possesses. Indeed, among eight seeds in the top half of the draw, Andre Medvedev became only the second to perish when he was beaten by Nicholas Kiefer, of Germany, in four sets. Kiefer simply wanted it more than Medvedev, whose demeanour rarely reflected his fortunes throughout the match. Britain's Davis Cup team would love to find Medvedev, of Ukraine, in similar mood in Kiev next week.

Yevgeni Kafelnikov and Pat-rick Rafter, seeded No 3 and No 12 respectively, have made stealthy progress throughout advanced to the last 16 yesterday with something to spare. Perhaps Rafter, who has yet to sample the Centre Court, is quietly pleased: the famed surface has cut up badly since Saturday. The court's condition, however, is giving no cause for concern, officials insisting that a favourable breeze will quickly transform the arena. It would also do wonders for the fortunes of Monica Seles.



The strain of impending defeat shows on the face of Seles, but it is all smiles for Testud as she acclaims her victory over the No 2 seed yesterday



# Tyson enjoys unlikely support

BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN LAS VEGAS

WITH the Nevada State Athletic Commission preparing to sit down today to consider what action to take against Mike Tyson for his disgraceful behaviour in the ring here last Saturday, a call for leniency came from an unexpected quarter yesterday. While Evander Holyfield who retained his World Boxing

Association heavyweight championship when Tyson was disqualified from their bout here for biting, said that Tyson did not deserve to be given another chance, his trainer, Don Turner, announced that he believed that Tyson should be allowed to

carry on boxing.
"They should allow Tyson
to carry on boxing." Turner
said. "They should fine him big, but without boxing I just don't know what would happen to him.

"The problem is that he has got too many hangers-on

ago that he wanted to meet King and Showtime, the cable guys that ought to be banned, they are the ones who have made him what he is. They are supposed to help him, but all they've done is live off

Holyfield's attorney and adviser. Jim Thomas, who is considering suing Tyson, said that as far as Holyfield is concerned, he will have nothing to do with Tyson until he has apologised. "For a start, he's got to be totally honest. own up to everything, saying he was wrong." Thomas said. "He's got to admit there's a pattern of self-destruction in him. He's got to pledge to

mend his ways." The MGM Grand hotel and casino. which has a contract to put on one more Tyson fight, is holding its cards close to its chest, but its reluctance to say something seems to imply that it is considering its legal position regarding its deal with Don King, Tyson's promoter. The

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president, Alex

television company, to extend the contract with Tyson, but yesterday he would not see the press and his director of public relations. Bill Doak merely said: "No comment on

the Tyson situation." Viewers who bought payper-view tickets to see the contest on television at \$59.95 (about £35) through Prime Cable will not be receiving

Money talks ...

any refunds, Steve Schorr, a company director, said, adding that, while the company had received a huge number of complaints after the stoppage of the contest in the third round, "the complaints were not as bad as in the past".

The first meeting between Tyson and Holyfield reached \$1.6 million sales, but this one is expected to be far bigger. Schorr said: "It was an event, whether you liked it or hated about forever."

Yet while there were sympathetic voices in Las Vegas yesterday, the British Boxing Board of Control (BBBC) reacted angrily to Tyson's behaviour. Writing to Marc Ratner, chief executive of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, John Morris, the general secretary of the BBBC said: "In Britain, we have watched in horror as Mike Tyson desecrated boxing on Saturday night. Now world boxing will be watch-ing Nevada for action. "Obviously, you may know

mitigating circumstances that we could not, but it does seem as if only the sternest of decisions can rescue the image of the sport. It is a tragedy that what should have been one of the great events in boxing history has been brought low, but we must be positive and look ahead. We will support strong action and it is my conviction that the sport needs a world control that everyone must heed."

# Henman looks for repeat performance

TWELVE months ago, Richard Krajicek rode the magic carpet from relative anonymity to Wimbledon champion.
Now, he threatens to obstruct
British progress in a week of
mounting excitement. Victory
over Tim Hemman today would project the Dutchman towards a potential semi-final with Greg Rusedski.

Yet Henman, his confidence now rising like a rich sap, would not hear of defeat on departing the practice grounds yesterday. Having downed Krajicek's compatriot, Paul Haarhuis, in the match of the tournament on Sunday, he is thirsty for another mea-It is probably to Henman's

advantage that he has never

previously jousted with Krajicek. Although neither's game will surprise the other when they step on to Centre Court, Henman may have identified a chink in the champion's armour. "If things are not going well, he can get a little bit down on himself," the British No I said. "It would be a good thing to give him something to get down about."
It would be good, too, for Henman's swelling army of sitting-room supporters. An estimated 12.7 million viewers watched the conclusion to his match with Haarhuis on BBC2, the figure rising by one million every 15 minutes throughout the deciding set. It ras the highest recorded Wimbledon audience since 13.6 million saw Andre Agassi outlast Goran Ivanisevic over five sets in the 1992 final. Should Henman make the final on Sunday, audience figures would surely threaten the 1980 Wimbledon record,

That scenario remains a long way off. Not only can Krajicek summon a powerful service, he volleys with aplomb behind it. Henman recognises that opportunities to break will be few - hence the emphasis on service returns when he knocked up with Jeremy Bates, formerly

when 17.3 million saw Bjorn

Borg land his fifth consecutive

title at the expense of John

the British No 1, yesterday. Henman's exercise routine was prompted by the length of his struggle with Haarhuis. At two minutes short of four hours, it was, he said, probably the longest he has spent on court, certainly the longest concluding set he has played. that match, but I am absolutely fine," he said. "Hopefully, I will get the crowd behind me again. I am very confident and looking forward to it."

The tenacity Henman displayed in beating Haarhuis bodes well. "I feel mentally tough enough, resilient enough, to keep winning," he said. "As the youngest of three brothers, I had to stand up for myself. I am a bit stubborn competitive." As much was clear in practice as he strained to retrieve a meaningless drop



Henman's progress has been foreshadowed by his status; he is seeded No 14. Rusedski, by contrast, has reached the last 16 the hard way, bettering Mark Philip poussis, with whom he shares another powerful server, and

Rusedski had stolen Henman's thunder prior today, on No I Court. Rusedskiwill be glad of second billing. for he starts favourite in his pairing with the unseeded American, Richey Reneberg. Whereas Henman must raise his game to beat Kraficek, a reproduction of Rusedski's existing repertoire should more

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